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LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

KING GEORGE'S MESSAGE TO THE TROOPS.

RUSSIANS ENTER GERMANY AND CAPTURE MANY PRISONERS.

[Reuter's Service To "The Telegraph."]

Aug. 18, 4.20 p.m.

His Majesty the King, in a message to the troops, says:—"You are leaving home to fight for the safety and honour of my Empire. Belgium, whose country we are pledged to defend, has been attacked, and France is about to be invaded by the same powerful foe."

"I have implicit confidence in you, my soldiers. Duty is your watchword. I know your duty will be nobly done. I shall follow your every movement with the deepest interest, and mark with eager satisfaction your daily progress. Indeed, your welfare will never be absent from my thoughts. I pray God to bless you, guard you and bring you home victorious."

Earl Kitchener's Advice.

Earl Kitchener has issued instructions to every expeditionary soldier, to be kept in his pay-book. He says:—"You are ordered abroad as a soldier of the King, to help our French comrades against the invasion of a common enemy. You have to perform a task needing your courage, your energy, your patience."

"Remember that the honour of the British Army depends upon your individual conduct. Let it be your duty not only to set an example in discipline and perfect steadiness under fire, but also to maintain the most friendly relations with those whom you are helping in this struggle. The operations in which you are engaged will, for the most part, take place in friendly country. You can do your own country no better service than in showing yourself in France and Belgium in the true character of the British soldier."

"Be invariably courteous, considerate and kind. Never do anything likely to injure or destroy property. Always look upon looting as a disgraceful act. You are sure to meet with welcome and be trusted. Your conduct must justify that welcome and that trust. Your duty cannot be done unless your health is sound, so keep constantly on your guard against any excesses in this new experience. You may find temptation both in wine and women. You must entirely resist both temptations, and, while treating all women with perfect courtesy, you should avoid any intimacy. Do your duty bravely. Fear God. Honour the King."

Russians Occupy German Territory.

Aug. 18, 3.10 p.m.

The Russians have occupied five points on German territory with the greatest success, taking hundreds of prisoners.

General Smith-Dorrien to Succeed General Grierson.

Aug. 18, 3.55 p.m.

It is officially announced that General Smith-Dorrien commands an army corps of the Expeditionary Force, in succession to General Grierson.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

Expeditionary Force Lands.

Aug. 17, 10.15 p.m.

The Press Bureau states that the British Expeditionary Force has safely landed on French soil.

10.25 p.m.

The Press Bureau announces that the British Expeditionary Force has been safely landed on French soil. The embarkation, transportation and disembarkation of men and stores were alike carried through with the greatest precision and without a single casualty.

Tribute to the Press.

Aug. 17, 10.40 p.m.

The Press Bureau message above referred to added that Lord Kitchener, Secretary of State for War, desired to state that he and the country were under the greatest obligation to the Press for the loyalty with which all references to the movements of the Expeditionary Force had been suppressed.

Manoeuvring in Secret.

Aug. 18, 11.55 a.m.

It is officially notified that no information whatever regarding the movements or destination of the Expeditionary Force must be published subsequent to disembarkation.

English newspaper correspondents are requested to quit Belgium and no correspondents will be allowed with the British Force for some time.

Prince Alexander on Active Service.

Aug. 18, 2.10 p.m.

H.S.H. Prince Alexander of Teck is going into active service.

The Czar at Intercession.

Aug. 17, 6.20 p.m.

The Czar and Czaretsa have gone to Moscow to attend a solemn invocation of blessing on the Russian Arms. The Czar will walk to church among the people unattended, and will return in a similar manner to the Kremlin, after which he joins the armies.

War Insurance Rate.

The Government's War Insurance Rate is 3 per cent.

Poland's Loyal Message.

Aug. 18, 4.30 a.m.

A Warsaw message says that the Polish political representatives have sent to the Grand Duke Nicholas, the commander-in-chief of the Russian army, a telegram expressing loyalty and longing for Russian victory in the fight against the common enemy.

Defence of Brussels.

Aug. 18, 4.30 p.m.

All members of the Belgian Royal family, except the King, who is at the front with the Army, and a part of the Government, together with the Legations, have moved to Brussels.

Hasty measures, such as the erection of barricades, are being taken to defend Brussels against a sudden cavalry raid.

Austrians Routed.

Aug. 18, 10.55 a.m.

The Servians have routed the Austrians near Schabatz. They annihilated three Austrian regiments, and captured fourteen guns and great quantities of war material. The Servians are now pursuing the enemy.

The French Gaining Ground.

Aug. 18, 2.10 p.m.

France is making methodical progress in Alsace-Lorraine, having gained a distance of ten to twenty kilometres all along the frontier from Châmbrey to Belfort and advancing strongly in some of the valleys, particularly on Strassburg.

German Crown Prince Reported Wounded.

Aug. 18, 2.10 p.m.

A report has reached Paris that the German Crown Prince, who is attached to the 1st Cavalry Division, has been wounded and is in hospital at Aix-la-Chapelle. The Kaiser has proceeded thither.

Brazil Complains to Germany.

Aug. 18, 4.30 a.m.

A telegram from Rio de Janeiro says that the Brazilian Government has asked for explanations and the punishment of the guilty persons responsible for the treatment of Senhor Campos, ex-President of São Paulo, who, with his wife, is alleged to have been brutally beaten with the butt ends of rifles by German soldiers and then thrown over the Swiss frontier.

DIARY OF WAR.

Development of the Crisis

June 28.—Archduke Franz Ferdinand and Consort assassinated by a Serbian student at Sarajevo.

June 30.—Anti-Serbian Demonstrations in Vienna and Travnik.

July 1.—Martial law declared throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina.

July 3.—Serbian tri-colour burned in the neighbourhood of the Serbian Legation in Vienna. The semi-official *Pester Lloyd* warns Belgrade of the necessity of an immediate change of tone.

July 9.—The *Lokal Anzeiger* (Berlin) says if responsibility for the murders is brought home to Serbians, Austria will have the support of the civilized world, especially Germany, in demanding justice from Belgrade. The same day the *Temps* correspondent at Belgrade states Austrian troops are concentrating on frontier.

July 23.—Austro-Hungarian Note delivered to Serbia demanding suppression of Pan-Serbian movement and punishment of accomplices in assassinations. Answer required by 8 p.m. same day.

July 24.—Details of Note published and proved unexpected severe. Semi-official *Pester Lloyd* affirms that Germany will suffer no third party to intervene between Austria and Serbia.

July 25.—Russian Cabinet meets; announced that mobilisation proceeds forthwith.

July 26.—Russian request for extension of time on Serbia's behalf refused. Serbia accepts some Austrian demands and rejects others. Martial law in Austria-Hungary. Serbian capital transferred to Kragujevac.

July 27.—Serbian troops aboard Danube steamer fire on Austrian troops; engagement ensues. Sir Edward Grey announces his efforts to arrange conference of Ambassadors.

July 28.—Czar, addressing Council of Ministers, declares:—"We have stood this sort of thing for seven and a half years. This is enough." Austria declares war on Serbia. Germany considers Sir Edward Grey's suggested conference has no prospect of success.

July 29.—Austrians blockade Antivari. Panic in New York stock market. British Consols drop to 69½. Mr. Asquith announces that the situation is one of "extreme gravity." Servians destroy bridge at Semlin. Austrians bombard Serbian positions, compelling evacuation. Two Serbian steamers captured. German troops move in response to Russian advance towards Wirballen.

July 30.—British First Fleet leaves Portland under sealed orders. Belgrade in flames. Artillery duel between Servians and Austrians five miles down river from Belgrade. Home Rule Amendment Bill postponed; Britain presents a "united front." Russian mobilisation in 52 Governments. 4,000,000 men placed on war footing.

July 31.—Germany asks Russia for explanation of her mobilisation. Attack on Belgrade continues. Martial law in Germany. London Stock Exchange closed; Bank of England rate 8 per cent. Bank Act suspended. Russians destroy railway bridge in Austria between Szezakowa and Granitz. New Zealand and Canada offer assistance.

August 1.—Austrian Reserve called out. German ultimatum to France and Russia, expiring at noon. Italy declares neutrality. Evidence of Australian loyalty. Bank of England rate 10 per cent. Germany declares war. First shots fired by Russian frontier patrol on Germans near Prostken; no casualties.

August 2.—British cabinet meets and adjourns till evening. Cossacks invade Germany near Biala. Germans invade France near Olney. Germans enter Luxembourg. Germany promises indemnity to Luxembourg.

August 3.—French papers state Britain will intervene with Expeditionary Force. German cruiser reported to be bombarding Libau. Severe fighting on River Drina between Servians and Austrians. Patriotic scenes outside Buckingham Palace. Wales decides to raise mounted regiment for service abroad. France protests against German acts of war. Russian Fleet driven into Gulf of Finland by Germans. British Mediterranean Fleet clears for action. Martial law at Malta. Sir Edward Grey's speech in Parliament.

August 4.—German ultimatum to Belgium. Reported Anglo-German naval battle. Earl Kitchener sails, but is recalled. War declared between Britain and Germany.

August 5.—Germans invade Belgium. Japan to take measures to discharge Treaty obligations to Britain. Germans violate Dutch territory at Tilburg. Russian and German troops in contact on frontier. Reported that French detachment captures German cruisers Goeben and Breslau and sinks the Panther. Germans reported to have violated neutrality of Switzerland. Bombardment of Liège begun by Germans. Sir John French gassed Inspector General of British Forces. Admiral Jellicoe becomes supreme commander of the Fleet.

August 6.—German troops reported to have been repulsed by Belgians in fighting near Liège. Lord Kitchener's departure for Egypt again cancelled.

Numerous German prizes brought to British ports. Earl Kitchener appointed Secretary for War. Bank of England rate reduced to 8 per cent. Servians repulsed by Belgians, with 8,000 casualties. Servian volunteers cross the Save and plant flag on Austrian bank. Germany threatens Italy with war unless she supports allies. H.M.S. Amphion sinks German mine-layer Koenig. Liège and later strikes mine and sinks herself. Uhlans enter Liège but Belgians exterminate them. House of Commons vote additional war credit of £100,000,000. Nineteen German warships reported sunk or captured in North Sea. Two German cruisers reported sunk in Atlantic.

August 7.—German Cavalry division routed by Belgians in Luxembourg. Germany asks for armistice; admits 25,000 men are hors de combat.

August 8.—German Cavalry Division crosses Meuse, but is practically annihilated by Belgians. Italy firmly refuses to fight. Bank of England rate reduced to 5 per cent. British seize South Togoland from Germans and French enter North Togoland. British Government accepts Australia's offer of 20,000 men. French troops enter Alsace-Lorraine.

August 9.—Germans evacuate Luxembourg owing to French advance. Japan issues ultimatum to Germany. German submarine sunk by British warship. Reported that Japan has issued ultimatum against Germany. Earl Kitchener appeals for 100,000 men. Russians enter Austrian territory near the valley of Sty.

August 10.—Austrian cruisers bombard Antivari. Capture in Franco-Austrian relations officially announced.

August 11.—Commonwealth Navy transferred to Admiralty till war ends. Announced that there are 8,000 German prisoners in Belgium. Reported that Germans desperately attacked Fort Siering, Liège, but were repulsed. Germans attack Mulhausen, in Alsace, compelling small French force to retire. French remain masters in Upper Alsace. Austrian troops reported to have entered Alsace. Liège forts reported still intact. Imperial Government to withdraw troops from South Africa. Germans seize London, which is later re-occupied by Belgians. Great response to Earl Kitchener's appeal for men.

August 12.—Belgium reports that German advance guards are falling back on main Army. Terrific cannonading heard from Tongres.

August 13.—Belgians hold their own in first engagement in the open at Hasselt. British Admiralty announces that it is confident of its ability to keep the trade routes open. Great Britain and Austria at war. Belgians victorious in fight with Germans at Haelen. German losses being three-fifths of those engaged. French defeat Germans in a battle along the River Othain; regiment of Dragoons annihilated. Concerted attack along Servian frontier by 400,000 Austrians fails.

August 14.—British Fleet gradually encircling action of German Fleet in the East Sea. Earl Roberts appointed to command Overseas Forces. Liège still intact. Belgium asks France to accommodate 2,000 German prisoners. Transportation of French troops to Belgium completely ready to advance. Belgians drive enemy eastward; no German cavalry between Hasselt and Ramillies. Reported that German cruisers Goeben and Breslau have been purchased by Turkey.

August 15.—French troops enter Belgium at Charleroi. Bavarian Army Corps defeated by French at Arvicourt and Olney. Cannonade heard at Tirlemont; believed to be beginning of the

great battle. Germans endeavouring to envelop extreme left of Allied Forces. Russians victorious on the Dniester; Fourth Austrian Infantry and First Cavalry Regiments annihilated.

August 16.—French forces drive German Army Corps from heights commanding Blamont and Olney. Germans, fleeing before French attack at Dinant, fail to reach a bridge, fall down steep banks of the Meuse and are drowned. Japan sends ultimatum to Germany demanding that Kiaochow be handed over to Japan, with a view to eventual restoration to China; answer required by noon on August 23. French Fleet attacks Austrian Fleet off Budua, sinking two ironclads and setting fire to another.

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TELEGRAMS

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN

CONDENSED.

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The Government's war insurance rate is 3 per cent.

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The Germans are entrenching themselves along the Belgian battle front.

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The British Expeditionary Force has been safely landed in France without a single casualty.

Poland has expressed its loyalty to Russia, and longs for Russian victory over a common enemy.

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NEWS.

Interesting reports concerning the war, taken from Shanghai papers, appear to-day.

The Hongkong Bank fraud case was continued at the Criminal Sessions to-day.

General news, Home news and an article on the German aeroplane industry appear on page 3.

"Our Contemporaries" appears on page 2; log book on page 6; and commercial news on page 9.

An interesting speech by the U.S. Secretary for War on diplomats of the Navy will be found on page 8.

In consequence of the attack by robbers on the Canton night express, railway communication with Canton is temporarily interrupted.

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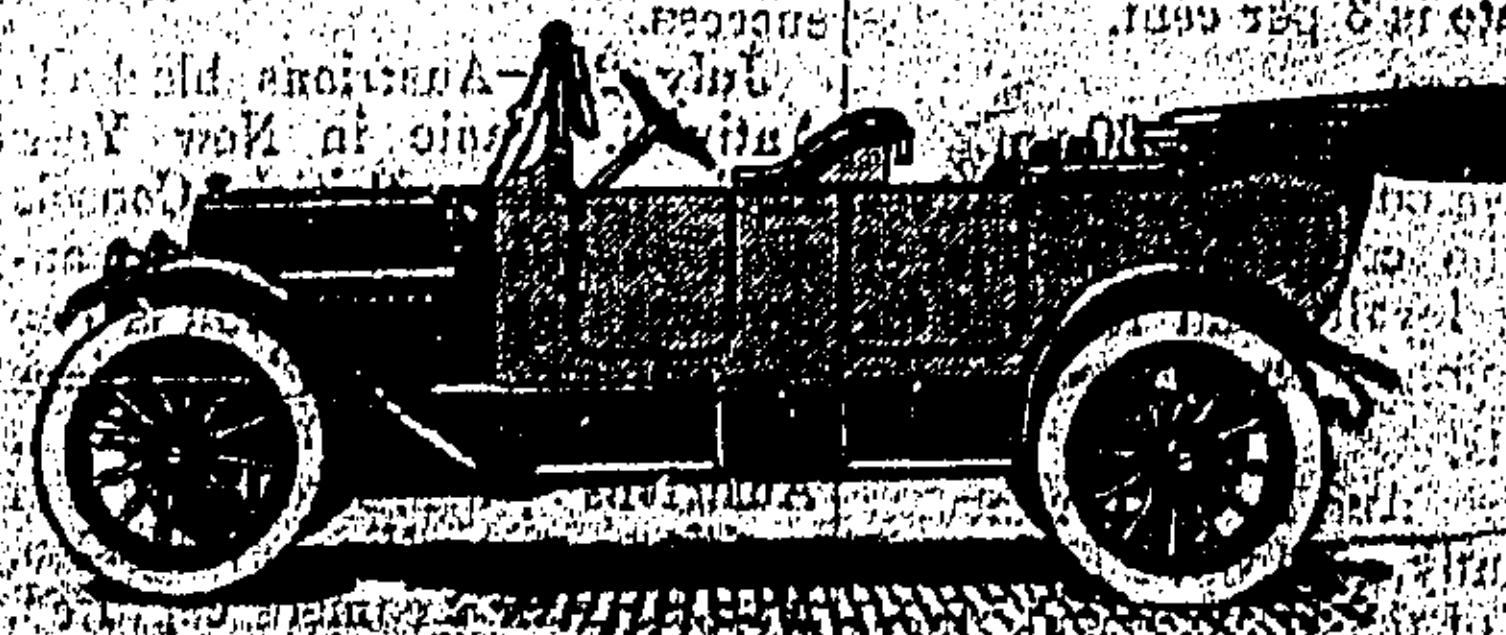
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on export from Indo-China? Why
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centres, when exchange is even
better now than it was when war
was declared and when there is
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ing those flying the German or
Austrian flags, coming to or leav-
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these and numerous other ques-
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consistent with any new condition
that may have arisen and which is
unknown at present to the con-
sumer.

Daily Press.

The failure of British industry
to establish itself in Western
China has been the subject of
many lamentations, notably, recently,
from Mr. A. St. Moore Bennett,
of Yunnan, who pointed out in
one of his letters to the Times
that no contract had been obtain-
ed in Yunnan by a British firm
for ten years; and in Kweichow
things were even worse, but now
Great Britain will appear as the
pioneer of the development of that
backward Province and, we hope,
will reap the pioneer's reward.
So much for the concession from
the British point of view; to
China, too, it will be of the
utmost advantage in many ways.
Connecting as it will with the
Ch'uan-Han and Yuet-Han Rail-
ways, it will be an essential link
in the network which, by making
easy communication with all
parts, is aiding so materially in
diminishing the independence of
the Provinces and fortifying the
position of the Central Govern-
ment. It will also provide an al-
ternative route to Yunnan, so that
it will no longer be necessary for
all the traffic of that Province to
pass through French territory,
and not improbably this new line
will divert from Tongking to the
Yangtze a considerable portion
of the Yunnan trade. It will, in
short, be a very effective counter-
move to the various French
projects for railway penetration
in South-west China and to her
aim of building up, by means of
the Haiphong-Yunnan, Yunnan-
Chungking and Chungking-
Yamchow lines, a sphere of
influence in that region.

China Mail.

Advantages of Lighter Armour on

Battleships.

Were it desired to increase the
number of turrets of the present-
day ships from four to five—to
increase the number of guns from
eight to ten—the speed of the
ship, other things being equal,
would be reduced by 11 miles per
hour. The same problem is
discussed in connection with
light cruisers and destroyers, the
advantages of geared turbines,
superheated steam, and other im-
provements being considered. As
regards submarines, being inter-
esting, data are given as to the
adoption of steam-turbines in
substitution for Diesel engines,
and the effect on size, power, and
speed of fitting 15 pounders, 4-in.
or 6-in. guns is reviewed. With
four guns of 4-in. calibre instead
of the same number of 12 pound-
ers, the weight of the armament
with ammunition would be in-
creased by 12 tons, but the
displacement of the ship, in order
to get the same speed, would be
increased, about 100 tons, while
the adoption of 6-in. guns, involv-
ing, with their ammunition, a net
increase of 78 tons, would require
a gross addition to the displace-
ment of 300 tons. This difficulty,
however, is to get higher speeds
in submarines, boats, and this
involves a rapid increase in the
weight of machinery. Consequently
the problem of the future is one
largely for the marine engineer.
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are considered from the same
standpoint, and the same result
is reached.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Clean Milk.

Some remarkable facts and figures as to the problem of a clean milk supply were instanced at Broadstairs on Saturday at the "Founder's Day" of the Yarrow Convalescent Home, which is for children of the middle class. Owing to the increased cost of living the charge for boarding has been raised from 5s. to 8s. a week per child. A year ago the committee of the home, having found it impossible to obtain a supply of clean milk, inaugurated a dairy which was based on the model of Mr. W. Buckley's dairy at Moundsmere. The effect on the children of the clean pure milk, such as is now obtained, compared with the results with the inferior milk of the previous year, has been tested by comparing the increase of weight of the children before and after the establishment of the dairy. During the 10 weeks April 29 to July 8, 1913, (before the dairy was started), the average gain per child per day was 1.47oz. During the 10 weeks April 28 to July 7, 1914, the average gain per child per day was 1.90oz. In other words, there was an increase in the average daily gain per child of 0.43oz.

No Cause For Duel.

Paris, July 10.—The seconds appointed by Paul de Cassagne, of the Autorité and Carl Kahm, of the Leipzig Tageblatt, to-day decided there was no adequate reason for a duel, to which the Frenchman had challenged the German. The cause of the quarrel was the publication in Germany of some remarks approving the imprisonment of an Alsatian cartoonist upon which Lahm was told by Cassagne to leave France in forty-eight hours.

Chinese Refugees Arrive.

San Francisco, Cal., July 16.—Headed by Gen. Hwang-Hsing, who led the Republican forces in the first revolution in China, five Chinese are here to-day with a price on their heads because of their activity in a movement for the overthrow of Yuan Shi-Kai, President of China. The first of a demonstrative throng of their countrymen to greet them at the steamship was the daughter of Gen. Hwang, who crossed the continent from New York, where she has lived for some time. The Chinese are visiting the United States to study political and governmental forms to prepare themselves for greater service to China, they said. Besides the general the party includes his secretary, Hsu Sun-Pak, Lieut. Gen. Lee Shu-Chen, Major Gen. Shi Tao-Chun, and J. Y. Dang, a Republican journalist.

Marriage of Stalin Pasha.

The marriage took place on Tuesday at the Votivkirche, Vienna, of Major-General Sir Rudolf Carl Stalin (Stalin Pasha), a Baron of Austria, G.C.V.O., K.O.M.G., C.B., Inspector-General of the Sudan, to Baroness Alice von Ramberg, only daughter of the late General Baron von Ramberg and of Baroness Otilie von Ramberg (nee Countess of Breda).

The grandfather of the bride, General Baron George von Ramberg, was attached, when a captain in the Austrian cavalry, to the personal staff of the Duke of Wellington at the Battle of Waterloo, and for his services on that occasion received the military O.B. on his subsequent promotion to major. The same decoration was conferred on Major-General von Stalin in 1895 by Queen Victoria, and these two officers are the only members of the Austrian Army thus distinguished. The bride and bridegroom will take up their residence in Khartoum after a short honeymoon.

Egyptian Irrigation. An agreement has been finally concluded between the Egyptian Government and Mr. Percy W. Stout and Sir John Jackson, Ltd., for the irrigation of sixty thousand acres of land in Upper Egypt, says the Central News Cairo correspondent. Hitherto this land has been irrigated for only two months yearly, but henceforth it will be irrigated all the year round, and is expected to become as valuable as the Delta.

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HOME NEWS.

Teetotalers' Fads.

A vigorous protest against the action of the Essex Licensing Justices by a clergyman appears in the Manningtree Parish Magazine. The licences of four Manningtree inns were recently referred by the local justices to the Licensing Committee at Chelmsford, and the latter decided to close the houses. The rector writes in his magazine as follows:—"We resent this interference with the popular convenience. Our magistrates have not considered the rights and liberties of the people. Nor is their decision likely to lead to an increase in sobriety. There has been a most satisfactory advance of the cause of temperance of late years in this place, but it has not been caused by the edicts of magistrates or the fads of teetotalers."

The houses that are left in Manningtree will, undoubtedly, do a roaring trade as the result of this present magisterial action, and the inducements to drink will be considerably greater than they were before.

Roman Remains in London. The work of sifting the Roman rubbish heaps on the site of the old Post Office, the Manchester Guardian states, is now completed. The City Corporation and the Goldsmiths' Company have both given grants towards the cost, and the money has been well repaid by an extremely varied and interesting lot of finds.

If you sank a shaft in any part of the City you would be likely to turn up scraps of Londinium, but of course the rubbish heaps are always the richest depositories of the remains of the buried civilisations. Under St. Martin's-le-Grand they found a large collection of pottery fragments, some of the pieces having the potter's stamp beautifully distinct. A rare find is a bit of painted wall plaster, of which a piece was found long ago in the Roman bath in Cannon-street. The colour is still wonderfully fresh. There is a brick which a dog signed with its paws by running over it while it was drying, and another has the print of a sandal.

B. P. and the "Loafer." Lieut. General Baden Powell appeared in Scout's costume at the prize-giving in connection with the Mercer's School, Barnard's Inn.

In the course of his speech the Chief Scout said he liked boys to excel not only in work but in play. The fellow who played hard was the best fellow for working hard too. He could not be a loafer, and if there was one thing in this world to be despised it was the loafer.

The Curlew in Essex. The curlew, which has rung twice daily in Haverrhill, Essex, since the days of the Conqueror, is still to ring, in spite of the objection of certain members of the council, who described it as a survival of feudal times.

One family has performed the office for the last four generations, and as the cost to the ratepayers is only one-tenth of a penny the

council, by a majority, decided to continue the practice. Charge Against a Barrister. Wallace Atkins, barrister, aged 44, of New-square, Lincoln's Inn, was further remanded at Clerkenwell to-day on a charge of stealing a five-stone diamond ring, value \$115.

At the last hearing the mental condition of the accused was questioned. Mr. d'Eyncourt, the magistrate, said that if it was proved defendant was mentally unsound, they might dispose of the case by hearing no further evidence.

Mr. Godlieb (prosecuting): Yes, if it were so beyond question. But there seems to be a certain element of doubt.

Mr. T. B. Box, the prosecutor, said he had known the accused twenty years and had the utmost confidence in him.

Cross-examined by Mr. Stoke Vaughan, witness said he had not, until last month, seen Atkins for 18 months or two years.

Did you find any marked change in him?—He told me he had suffered a mental break-down. Mr. d'Eyncourt: Did you find any change in his mental condition?—Not noticeable.

Bail was refused.

"What is a Sardine?"

At the London Sessions the appeal by Messrs. Angus Watson and Co., against their conviction for selling Norwegian bristling, to which was applied the alleged false trade description of "sardine," was upheld, and the conviction by Sir John Dickinson at Bow-street Police Court was quashed.

This case has been before the courts, in various forms, since 1911.

On the application of Mr. Bodkin, who appeared in support of the conviction, Mr. Allan Lawrie, the judge, agreed to state a case.

A Farthing Damages. A King's Bench special jury in the Lord Chief Justice's Court, after a five days' hearing, gave their verdict in favour of the Shipping Federation, awarding a farthing damages.

The defendant was Mr. George Jackson, Secretary of the Newport (Mon.) branch of the National Sailors and Firemen's Union. The words complained of were contained in a letter written by the defendant to Mrs. Jessop, widow of a seaman, charging the Federation with "brutal machinations."

A Wealthy American Arrested. A wealthy American tourist named David Graham Carmichael was at Dumfries charged with wrenching a brass handle off an antique bureau in the Burns Cottage, Ayr.

Mr. Carmichael was arrested in his motor-car at Dumfries. It was stated that the trustee some years ago purchased the bureau from Mr. Quaritch, of London, for £232.

The magistrates remitted the defendant to the sheriff at Ayr.

"To the Dear Friend of my Old Age." Mrs. Gertrude Mary Girardot, of Rose Hill, Ebbw Vale, Denbigh, who died leaving £37,103, bequeathed £100,000 her "old watch," and an annuity of £104 to Sarah Marshall, her devoted friend

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GERMAN AEROPLANE INDUSTRY.

Large Orders for Foreign Countries.

Berlin, July 18.—The aeroplane industry in Germany has made great progress during the past twelve months, and the principal works have received a large number of orders from foreign Governments, which have far surpassed expectations.

The German Wright works are in regular communication with the Russian War Office, and last year alone they delivered no fewer than 34 aeroplanes to Russia. The new sister company of the Wright works, the "Luftfahrzeug" (Aeroplane) Company, also supplies machines to Russia.

The Albatros, Aviatik, German Aeroplane, and Rumpler works were all busy during the Balkan war delivering air-machines to the Balkan States, and at present also they have orders from those countries. The Rumpler works are also working at present for the Scandinavian States and for the Argentine; the "Luftfahrzeug" Company has already constructed a great number of aeroplanes for Japan; and the Albatros works regularly receive commissions from Russia and from Roumania.

During the first quarter of the present year the notable successes of the German aeroplanes industry secured for the works in this country many new and profitable business connections.

Several States both in Europe and beyond it have made agreements with German aeroplane factories for the delivery of large orders, upon the execution of which the works are at present busily engaged. Most of the commissions thus given have been the result of competition between German and French firms, in which the German firms easily attained the victory. Quite recently, for example, the Aviatik Company received an order from Bulgaria for twelve aeroplanes, while Switzerland ordered six machines from the same firm.

The Albatros Works, in view of the present favourable position of the German aeroplane industry, intend establishing several branch works abroad, which will be financed with foreign capital, but which will work only according to the Albatros patents. The first of these branch works was recently opened in Austria. Similarly, the German "Flugzeug" (aeroplane) Works in Leipzig have founded a branch in Buda Pest. It is nevertheless admitted here that the foreign trade in aeroplanes by Germany is still inferior to the trade conducted by France, Glats.

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WOMEN CLERGY.

It is difficult to take seriously a statement in the *Times* which reached the Colony yesterday, to the effect that "a movement has recently been initiated to consider the question of the ordination of women to the priesthood of the Church of England. Preliminary enquiries have been made among women interested in the matter, and it is understood that, if there is sufficient support, a conference of clergymen's wives and women church-workers will be held to discuss the possibility of the entry of women into the priesthood."

In its pre-penny, pre-Harmworthian days, the *Times* would never have lent itself to the task of publishing what is so very obviously unauthorised and what can only provoke universal ridicule. "A movement has been initiated." By whom? We see no word about archbishops or bishops, or about either House of Convocation, or about the Privy Council which—when we come down to facts—is the supreme head of the Established Church. On the contrary, the "movement" seems to depend, for its pushing, on clergymen's wives and women church-workers. Since when have these ladies had a right to discuss what innovation shall or shall not be introduced into the Church of England? But these are the days of anarchy, when every woman seeks to be a law unto herself, to dodge the work for which Nature designed her, and to butt in where she is not wanted and where she will, in ninety-nine per cent of cases, do more harm than good.

If one were inclined to take the *Times* report at all seriously, there are, of course, hundreds of arguments that could be advanced against the idea of women clergy. One might begin, for instance, by hinting that the ladies whose ambition leads them towards the pulpit are proposing to expound to the multitude a Book, one of whose precepts is "Let your women be silent in the churches." This, however, they would naturally sweep aside as out of date; and thus one would have to fall back on the suggestion that the whole weight of the experience of the clergy goes to show that their work, if rightly undertaken, is beyond the physical—and often the mental—scope of women. The cleric who is to fulfil his ordination vows to the letter—and some do—must, before all things, have bodily strength such as not one woman in a hundred thousand is ever likely to possess; for he must be prepared, at need, to work twenty-four hours in a day, or at least to feel that he is never really free. The women would doubtless urge, against this, that Sisters of Mercy, hospital nurses and others work for quite a large number of hours a day. Very likely, but these are under proper discipline and must bow to a wise authority which will see that their enthusiasm does not blind them to their own health-interests; while the women who seek to rush into the ministry are, in most cases, those who would yield to no authority in Heaven or earth. A woman can, admittedly, nurse for eight or ten hours a day; but she cannot trudge all day about a large parish, conduct evening classes, visit schools, and attend to sick-calls at all hours of the night, as many of the clergy in East End parishes are bound to do. And, waiving the physical side, how many women possess the judgment or the tact necessary to successful clerical work? It is commonly said at home that the vicar's wife makes more mischief in the course of a week than the vicar himself can undo in twelve months. Moreover many a poor unfortunate padre has had to own that his lady church-workers were more a curse than a blessing. We published, on Monday, some court proceedings wherein a lady sued a clergyman for excluding her from the church because she interrupted the services by her eccentricities. Is that the sort of help that the *Times* ladies propose to afford to their Church? But we will discuss this matter seriously when we learn that the suggestion as to women clergy proceeds from Convocation, and not from a foolish minority of persons who might easily find better occupation for their time.

"The Forty Thieves."

The foundering of the Glen Line steamer *Glenfarg*, which was reported in a special telegram yesterday, recalls an interesting fact about that vessel. The *Glenfarg* was the ship which in March 1901 brought out to Hongkong a batch of 40 men (ex-Marines) for the Police Force, who were then dubbed, and have ever since been known as, "The Forty Thieves." These men were the only passengers on the ship. The thirteen odd years which have elapsed since their arrival have seen many changes, and at present there are less than a dozen of the forty still in the Police Force. All but one of the number are now Crown Sergeants. It is interesting to recall also that when "The Forty Thieves" arrived here, our present Governor, Sir Henry May, was Captain Superintendent of Police, and that most of the newcomers were at once sent into the New Territories to relieve the Welsh Fusiliers, who, in consequence of the then disturbed state of China, were in charge of the outlying police stations.

Food Prices.

The public has long been waiting for the Government list of prices at which goods may be sold by retail, and yesterday the first official pronouncement on the subject was forthcoming in the form of a proclamation fixing the tariff for flour and tinned milk. It is a fortnight now since the Committee was appointed to draw up the price-list, and householders are somewhat surprised that it has not been possible to deal with other commodities than those named. After all, there are other necessities than flour and tinned milk—necessaries, too, which have gone up very much in price to the consumer. Now that the authorities have the right to regulate prices, it is to be hoped that they will at once proceed to deal with the matter in a comprehensive manner. They have a magnificent opportunity of preventing the rise in the cost of living which has affected everybody within the past few years, and of circumventing the manner in which, once prices are raised, they never come down again, be the rate of exchange what it may.

More Rumours.

And still they come—the rumours, we mean. Two of the quaintest we have yet struck hail from Yaumati, and, of course, from Chinese sources. Some one with a thirst for knowledge has made the appalling discovery that Tsingtau is connected with Hongkong—and thence with Kowloon and Yaumati (rather a roundabout way of working the matter)—by an electric cable, which the Germans placed long ago with admirable foresight. All that the enemy in Tsingtau has to do is to press a button, and Hongkong (together with the aforesaid Kowloon and Yaumati) will be blown to bits—maskee the precise locality. The other flight of Celestial fancy alleges that the day is at hand when the British and German fleets are to toe the line right here in Hongkong Harbour, and blaze away at each other till ammunition is exhausted, or till one side gives in. If only the police could get hold of the mischievous fools or rogues who are spreading such stuff, the Government might find a way of persuading them to hold their tongues in future.

Lord Kitchener and the Press.

When Lord Kitchener takes control of matters he usually does so to some purpose. Doubtless some few of the Home newspaper journalists are feeling a little sore now at his attitude towards war correspondents, but we feel sure that the majority of sensible and loyal pressmen will readily own that he is in the right in ordering their brethren out of Belgium. It is pretty commonly known that the war correspondents, during the time of the South African campaign, unwittingly did more harm than good to their country's cause. Newspaper information travels fast nowadays and the enemy can often be made familiar with the very movements of their opponents which it is to the latter's supreme interest to keep secret, by means of war-reports which are innocently sent home by correspondents. The public are free to comfort themselves with the reflection that if the dearth of news is hard on them, it is just as hard on the papers themselves.

DAY BY DAY.

VIRTUE IS BOLD, AND GOODNESS NEVER FEARFUL.—Shakespeare.

The Weather.
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp 82; dull.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp 72; fog.

The Mails.
Siberian Mail.—Due per.s.s. Oriental to-day.
English Mail.—Closes per.s.s. Oriental to-day at 4 p.m.
European Mail. (Via America).—Closes per.s.s. Panama Maru to-day at 1 p.m.

Count the Columns.
Yesterday the *Telegraph* published 35 columns of solid reading matter. To-day there will be 32 published.

The French President.
President Poincaré is 54 years of age to-morrow.

Found Unconscious.

A man named W. Ramsay has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital. He was found yesterday unconscious in Pedder Street.

Bedclothes Stolen.

S. A. Tolado, 230, Queen's Road East, has reported to the police that his house has been entered through a window, and a basket containing bedclothes to the value of \$22 stolen.

The Downward Path.

An Indian, named Boota, has been conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to the head and mouth, alleged to have been caused by his falling down in Queen's Road while under the influence of liquor.

Mistaken Identity.

We understand that the two gentlemen who travelled down from Shanghai by the s.s. *Chivuen* were not Germans, but Frenchmen, and that after explaining their nationality to the Provost Marshal they were allowed to go, without being in any way detained.

Missing Fok.

Leung Wan-tung, a shopkeeper, of 184, Wing Lok Street, has complained to the police of the absence of his foki from duty. It appeared that the foki was entrusted with \$70 to pay to another shopkeeper, but it has since been ascertained that the money has not been paid over and that the foki is missing.

Flood Relief.

Mr. Ellis, the Manager of the "Elite" Cinema Company, has handed to H. B. M. Consul-General at Canton a cheque for \$128.40, to be devoted to the relief of suffering caused by the West River floods. This generous donation represents the proceeds of a cinematograph performance given in the Canton Club Theatre under the auspices of the Consular Body. The cheque has been sent to the Honorary Treasurer, West River Flood Relief Fund, Hongkong.

RAILWAY SERVICE INTERRUPTED.

In connection with the recently reported outrage on the night train on the Canton-Kowloon Railway, which was held up by robbers, we are informed that it is hoped to resume the night service in the near future. When this is done precautions will be taken to prevent any further derailing by running vehicles in front of the engine, while a powerful headlight will illuminate the permanent way. In addition, a guard of soldiers will also be carried.

The locomotive has not yet been replaced on the rails, but it is hoped to effect this in the immediate future.

Embargo on Sugar Cane.

The importation from foreign countries, Hawaii and Porto Rico of living sugar canes, cuttings or parts of the cane, has been prohibited by the United States department of agriculture under authority given it by the plant quarantine act. This action has been made necessary by the discovery that these canes are likely to be infected with insect pests and fungous diseases from which the United States is fortunately free.

HONGKONG BANK CASE.

GUTIERREZ IN THE BOX.

Searching Questions by Mr. Jenkin.

At the Criminal Sessions, this morning, the case was continued in which Antonio Filomeno Remedios, with aliases, was charged, along with Reginaldo Oliveira Gutierrez, before Mr. Justice Gompertz (Chief Justice), on an indictment with conspiring to defraud the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on April 19, 1914, and divers dates between that date and June 27.

Remedios was formerly a clerk in the employ of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., and Gutierrez was employed in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, instructed by Mr. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, prosecuted for the Attorney General, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. Crow, of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, defended Remedios. Gutierrez was not in the dock, having turned King's evidence.

The jury was empanelled as follows:—Messrs. N. Drummond, G. M. Powell, E. Abraham, T. W. McKay, G. Lee, J. H. Taggart and J. Fasse.

Gutierrez again went into the box, and said the meeting they had on May 4, at the hotel, lasted from after dinner until one o'clock on the morning of the 5th. The same day he saw Remedios in the office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company. A letter was prepared at the meeting, and on the 5th, witness prepared an envelope addressed to "R. Richardson, Singapore."

He gave the envelope to Remedios, who put two letters into it and said he was going to post it. Some time in the month of May witness received a letter from Remedios. Witness kept the letter intact until the day he was arrested, and then he tore it up. (A letter pasted in pieces was produced and witness admitted that it was the one he had torn up).

His Lordship:—Whose handwriting is this, do you know? Witness:—Defendant's (Remedios).

Mr. Alabaster asked witness who Stoker was. Witness:—Myself.

Mr. Alabaster:—Who is Delphine? Witness:—Defendant.

Mr. Alabaster:—Who is Suzanne? Witness:—A man named Pereira.

Mr. Alabaster read an extract from a letter in which it was said that Mademoiselle Suzanne waited for the Stoker all day yesterday, but could not find him and went for a "joy ride." In a letter Richardson said he agreed to the proposal re the letter of credit and would send for Anderson to "go down where he was."

Callao was another name for Anderson. Witness could not remember any more of the contents of Richardson's letter.

Mr. Alabaster:—What was meant by "postcard"? Witness:—Cheque-book.

Continuing, witness said he was arrested on June 4. Mr. Messer (the C. S. P.) came to the Bank and made him write something. During the last few days witness had been in Victoria Gaol. He saw Remedios there and a communication passed between them. Remedios asked him to turn his evidence, or he, Remedios, would tell a lot of lies and get witness seven years in gaol. He said this many times. On Saturday last, between twelve and one, Remedios passed his cell and passed him a piece of paper.

Mr. Alabaster read the note which ran:—"Dear Reggie, I have just had a long talk with my solicitor and he says if you turn your evidence everybody will get off, so I hope you will play the game. Be outrageous and don't be afraid." Then on the back:—"Spoil this after reading it."

His Lordship referred to joy-rides and ladies' names and asked if they were concerned with the transactions?

Mr. Alabaster said they were brought out in the correspondence between the parties.

Gutierrez Cross-examined. Mr. Jenkin:—You are turning King's evidence—giving evidence

for the Crown against Remedios?

Witness:—Yes.

For some days you were standing in the Police Court dock and you heard the evidence given against you?—Yes.

And you followed that evidence with a certain amount of intelligence; you understood the nature of it, didn't you?—Yes.

And you knew it was telling badly against you?—No.

Do you mean it did not tell against you at all?—Yes. (and then) No.

You heard everything the Magistrate said, didn't you?—Yes.

Did you hear the Magistrate say from the Bench to the prosecuting solicitor, before you turned King's evidence, that so far as he could see there was no evidence against Remedios?—Yes.

And did you not, immediately after that statement, turn King's evidence?—No.

Why did you turn King's evidence?—(No answer).

Why did you? (shouted counsel). Why did you turn King's evidence?—Because I had told Mr. Messer in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank that—

Yes, because you had told Mr. Messer you had written the photographic letter—You had both written it and signed it. To whom did you suggest that you should turn King's evidence?—To my lawyer.

Do you remember the date on which you told your lawyer you wanted to turn King's evidence?—I don't.

It was on the 24th July?—I don't remember.

Well, you remember a lot of other dates on which Remedios did a lot of incriminating things, but you cannot remember this date. Do you remember a man called Abdul Karim Kadir?—Yes.

And a Mr. Norman Lockhart Smith gave evidence?—Yes.

He gave evidence the same day as Inspector O'Sullivan. Do you know Inspector O'Sullivan?—Yes.

It was immediately after the giving of that evidence that you, instructed your lawyer you would turn King's evidence?—No.

Did you ask what you would get for giving King's evidence?—No.

It is no concern of yours. You think that giving King's evidence does not alter your position at all?—No.

You expect to get free for it, don't you?—I don't.

Your case is, of course, that Remedios and you and other people carried on this conspiracy; that is what you say is the truth?—Yes.

And if that is so, you are the chief conspirator, aren't you?—No.

In point of fact you suggested this letter of credit business and you gave all the details for it?—Yes.

And the only letter in ordinary handwriting which deals with this matter is your handwriting, and it is signed by you in the name of Lionel?—Yes.

And the only envelope into which these two letters were put was addressed by you?—Yes.

You typewrote don't you?—No. You have never typewritten?—No.

Where did you work before you went to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank?—Tuxford's.

What was he?—A commission agent.

Were you his clerk?—Yes.

What did you do in the office?—Some of the work, Orders. You wrote them out?—Yes.

Did you do it all in longhand, never on the typewriter?—Yes.

Where did Mr. Tuxford carry on business?—In Wyndham Street. You say the letter you wrote was at the request of Remedios?—Yes.

He said he could not write because he hadn't a typewriter?—Yes.

Well, he writes rather a good fist, which proves he could not have said he could not write without a typewriter. Is it true he said to you he could not write this letter unless he had a typewriter?—Yes.

It is true he said it, but it is untrue in point of fact, because he could write?—(No answer).

You admit he can write?—Yes. Therefore if he said he could not write without a typewriter it is untrue?—Yes.

You say you wrote this letter.

at Remedios' dictation at the

Grand Carlton Hotel?—Yes.

What was Remedios doing while you were writing?—Dictating.

Was he sat beside you?—Yes.

The letter "B" was addressed at 12.30 a.m. How long had you been there when you commenced to write this letter?—A long time.

Where did you get the time from?—From his (Remedios) watch lying on the table.

Did he dictate that?—Yes. He told me to put that.

Have you ever seen him sign "Lionel Lyndhurst"?—Once.

The letter we have not got?—Yes.

It would be no trouble to a man to sign "Lionel"?—No.

You hoped something would be found in the piece of letter against Remedios?—No.

You enjoyed putting the pieces of this letter together, didn't you? It revived old scenes (laughter). When did you put them together?—On the 15th June.

Did you put your name and address on the back of the letter?—Yes.

Because?—He asked me.

You did it like a lamb; you won't do it again, will you?—No (laughter).

Have you seen Remedios in the Bank on ordinary business, apart from the swindling which you say he is guilty of?—Yes.

As an agent on commission for many Chinese?—Yes.

It appears to amuse my friend (Mr. Alabaster, who was laughing) but I am pleased he (witness) has admitted it. You knew he had an account at the Bank?—Yes.

You, personally—I have been in the same boat myself—have been a little hard pressed for money at times? (laughter)—Yes.

And you have tried to borrow money from Remedios?—No.

You have had very heavy expenses in connection with visits to ladies in the upper levels of this Colony?—No.

The cross-examination then finished, witness having been submitted to it for an hour and a half.

The Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, Captain Superintendent of Police, deposed to going to the Bank to investigate the case, to receiving letters from the Post Office addressed to "Anthony and Co." and also incriminating letters.

By Mr. Jenkin:—The letters not produced did show that Remedios did carry on an extensive business as an agent. Mr. Barlow at the Bank might have made some reference to lenient treatment, but he would not say he did. The matter was not really in Mr. Barlow's hands (laughter). He did not hear Remedios say he did not know Gutierrez.

Inspector Terrett said he was with the C. S. P. at the Bank. He heard Remedios say he did not know Gutierrez. Gutierrez said Remedios was a liar and added something in an undertone which defendant did not hear.

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

Ribeiro at the Police Court. A. V. Ribeiro, alias Maurice Riley, Richardson, and Rheas, and mentioned in connection with the alleged conspiracy case now before the Criminal Sessions, appeared before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Police Court this morning on a charge of uttering two forged cheques on the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

Mr. D. J. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. J. H. Gardiner for the defence.

Mr. Lewis intimated that he would be prepared to proceed with the charge on Wednesday next. It would take three afternoons, which he would like to be fixed on alternate days.

His Worship fixed next Wednesday, Friday and the following Tuesday afternoons.

German Royal Betrothal. Berlin, July 22.—The engagement was announced to-night at the Schloss Lantstetten, near Munich, of Princess Adelgunde of Bavaria and Prince William of Hohenzollern. The Princess is the eldest daughter of King Ludwig of Bavaria and 42 years of age. Prince William is the head of the non-reigning family of Hohenzollern and is the father-in-law of Dom Manuel of Portugal. His wife, Princess Maria Theresa of Bourbon, died five years ago.

PHILIPPINE LOYALTY
TO ENGLAND.

Hongkong Filipinos and the War.

The following is from the *Philippine Republic* of the 15th inst.:

The *Philippine Republic* is very much pleased to get the information that several Filipinos have mustered as "Special Constables" in this Colony to offer their services to the British government under the present circumstances.

The "gallant" attitude of our countrymen should not surprise us. Driven away from their country by force of circumstances to these picturesque rocks, and residing here for a long time, many of them have created affections and interests in this small island, and, naturally, though foreigners, they cannot remain indifferent to the actual armed conflict sustained by the nation who is giving them a generous hospitality. This island is the second home of a good bunch of Filipinos.

Besides all this, Hongkong is an historical island of pleasant remembrances to the Filipinos. This island has given shelter to Jose Rizal, Jose Maria Buis, Mariano Ponce, Sixto Lopez, and many others persecuted in the Philippines for political motives, and in this island Emilio Aguinaldo and other leaders of our Revolution sought refuge when they were banished from the Philippines.

There is still more. In Hongkong, the Filipinos have always been treated with true justice and exquisite courtesy, and, under the glorious Union Jack, they found liberty, tranquillity, and protection, which they could not enjoy in their own country. Why, therefore, should we not be loyal to a government which gives this kind of treatment even to the poor banished?

Don Francisco Piry Margall, the great Spanish statesman and profound thinker, wrote on a certain occasion:—"The war is not legitimate whenever its object is not the emancipation of peoples or to open a path which the egoisms of nations have shut up to humanity. Noble war was that which took off the Greeks from the power of Turkey and that which France has waged against Europe so as to guarantee the rights of man. Noble were those wars which demolished the gates of the Bosphorus, shut up to the commerce of the whole world."

We quite agree with the opinion of the wise republican. But in the actual European conflagration, we find justification for Great Britain's attitude. Mr. Asquith, the English Premier, said the other day in the House of Commons:—

"The Government has full consciousness of the terrible consequences of war, and the country might be well-assured that the Government was confident that in unobscuring the sword in a just cause, we were fighting, firstly, to fulfil an international obligation, and, secondly, to vindicate the principle that small nations must not be crushed in defiance of international good faith at the arbitrary will of a strong and overmastering Power. Great Britain was striking in defence of the maintenance of the vital civilisation of the world."

Therefore, the Filipinos, whose struggles for their liberty are yet fresh in their memory, are proud in manifesting their sympathy towards the old Albion, which, faithful to her spirit of justice, has gone into a war in defence of a noble cause, with respect to the neutrality of Belgium.

Navy's Reserve Strength.

After the review, having completed eleven days' training for which they were called up, some 15,000 men of the Royal Fleet Reserve are being landed and discharged at the Home Naval ports to-day on the demobilisation of the fleet inspected by the King at Spithead. The Reserve men were attached in particular to ships of the Third Fleet. It is understood that the Naval authorities are well satisfied with the manner in which the men have acquitted themselves on board, especially during the Fleet exercises just concluded.—*Globe*.

DECAY OF HOME LIFE.

A GREAT NATIONAL PERIL.

Canon Rawnsley on the
Duties of Parents.

An emphatic protest against what he regarded as the decay of family life, followed by the warning that it would conduce to the fall of England, as it led in great part to the fall of Greece and Rome in ancient times, was made by Canon Rawnsley in the course of a sermon preached at St. Paul's Cathedral recently.

It was a fact patent on all sides, the preacher said, that home and the discipline of home were on the wane, and with this were being lost the best opportunities there were for noble education.

Was he wrong in saying that the vitality of the Hebrew race, the secret of its permanence and its continued power on the earth, lay still firmly based upon the corner-stones of home life? The moral precepts of Judaism were still centred in the perfection of family life, in obedience to parents, devotion to children, in the chastity of the girl, and in the support and protection of the wife.

Indiscipline of the Children. Yet among Christian people, in the homes of the poor it was often the woman who was called upon to drudge, till she died, to keep the family together. The idea of being responsible for such care of girlhood as would prevent its ruin was a thing unthinkable in many a house. The girl, as soon as she had had her evening meal, went off with her friend and came home when she would. Little children of three and four openly defied their parents, and he had seen such parents apparently showing off to a circle of admiring friends on a Bank Holiday "the spirit that is in him" who a creature of six kicked his father's whips and cursed his mother to her face.

In the homes of the wealthy the same canker of lack of parental authority and want of discipline were felt. The parents were tolerated by the rising generation rather than held in reverence. A familiarity which tended to make a father's word of no avail was fostered from early days. The nexus between son and home as soon as the young man went out into the world was a purely cash nexus, and the girl grew up to feel that home duties were intolerable. At the first opportunity she would join her girl friend in a flat and arrange her life without any reference to her father or mother.

Doubtless that was in part the result of the fact that the school had so taken the child from the parent as to have induced the parent to believe that the responsibility of home as the prime educator had ceased. The mother who got the child off to the elementary or Sunday school considered her duties at an end. The father who paid the cheque to the school master felt he had done all he could. It was the Church's plain duty to assert that no school could take the place of the home as the training ground for national character, and that "nothing can avail to keep us lovers of our land but love of the home and all its sanctities."

Greece passed away with all its brilliance partly because it had no home life. Rome found its belief in home life too weak to withstand "the change from city state to empire, and the corroding influence of a decadent Orientalism." "There is nothing that would prevent our going the way of Greece and Rome unless we will once more make the ideal of home that Christ would have it to be, open the eyes of the fathers and mothers of the land to their sons of opportunity as the makers of the character of the next generation, and recall the children to the duties owed to the home."

Housing and Character. The housing problem had more to do with the character of the people than was thought. Yet it was fair to remember that there were thousands of homes in which girls and boys might find happiness, employment, and the power to help the home and each other on evenings which were now devoted to the street and the cinema show, just because the parents had done nothing to make the home attractive. In another class there was a tendency, each year becoming more pronounced, of ceasing to use home as a centre for friends and social life and to employ the restaurant and the great hotel for colossal entertainment and greetings where "no kindness is."

The servant difficulty might have something to do with it, but the chief factor was the craze for publicity which wounded family life in its tenderest part and was fatal alike to the simplicity, the privacy, and the sanctities of home.

SNOW DOGS.

Sir Ernest Shackleton's "Huskies"
Arrive.

Ninety-nine dogs for Sir Ernest Shackleton's Trans-Antarctic expedition have arrived in London.

Though their appearance suggests something of the wolf as well as the dog, there are not more than three, said one of the Canadians who brought them from Winnipeg, of which you could not, if you liked, make regular pets.

One hundred was the number that started from Winnipeg just three weeks before, but one died at Montreal. "He was a bit scared with the travelling," the men explained.

We had an awful time by train from Winnipeg to Montreal—seven days of shunting and bumping by freight trains, with constant changing; we hadn't our clothes off for the whole week!

But the voyage across the Atlantic from Montreal by the Montclair has been fine and dandy. If it had been rough all the dogs would have got sea-sick, but as it was only one suffered in any way from sickness.

Each dog was brought in a wooden crate, and in the morning four crates at a time were lifted from the hold by one of the travelling cranes at Millwall dock and swung smoothly to the waiting vans to Spratt's kennels.

The Hateful Hold. There was no riot of furious barking when they were landed, but all the same, as the Canadian remarked, the dogs were "tickled to death" to get on shore, for they just hated that old hold in which they have been packed since the first of the month.

They have arrived in wonderful condition, and could go to work almost at once if they were needed. "If Sir Ernest is ready these dogs are ready," was the plain way in which the men put it.

Between the wooden bars of the crates in which they were moved one could just make out their colour and outline. Grey, black, white, and brown were prominent; and they answered to such everyday names as "Bill," "Jack," and the like.

One, the pick of the bunch—bought for fifty dollars—they call "Foxie." "He's supposed to be a leader," said the man, and he is a fine, grey dog.

Well-Dogs. The dogs are called huskies, the man went on to explain, and are bred originally from wolves and dogs along the shores of Lake Winnipeg.

In Canada they raise them for sleighing, and most of those selected for Sir Ernest Shackleton's expedition have been used for hauling fish.

Each dog can draw a load of a hundred pounds in weight. In the West five or six have been harnessed together, but twice this number could, if necessary, be put to a load.

The oldest dog in the pack is not more than two and a half years, and the youngest about ten months.

There are no harder dogs in the world, it is thought. "Forty miles a day they could travel without tiring," said the man, "but on this expedition they'll not be required to do more than fifteen or twenty, I dare say, and that they'll do easily and be able to go right along."

Food Difficulty.

"The main thing is the feed. In the West they eat about five or six pounds of fish a day, but all through this voyage we've been feeding them on nothing but biscuit. They had never seen such a thing till this trip, but now they're getting used to it, and in time I guess they won't care about anything else."

We need not point out that it is not uncommon for men of the type of agent and intermediary to which Captain Hopkins belongs to represent their influence and knowledge as greater than it is. Within certain limits the representatives of American business in Mexico have a perfect right to take an interest in the relations between that country and their own. Whether in this case that limit has been exceeded is a question for investigation and careful judgment. It is quite probable that such investigation may be undertaken at the direction of Congress, and until the matter has been thoroughly sifted it will be unfair and unwise to attach too much importance to this published correspondence.

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OIL INTERESTS IN
MEXICO.

Great Britain and Huerta.

The publication in the New York Herald of letters written to Mr. Henry Ulay Pierce, of the Waters-Pierce Oil Corporation, General Carranza, and others, by Captain Hopkins, a Washington lawyer, who appears to have represented that corporation in dealing with Mexican affairs, has raised the question of the relation of the oil interests in Mexico to the present war.

It has long been asserted, says the Outlook, that the British oil interests—that is, practically the Pearson companies—were supporting General Huerta, and that the American oil interest, represented by the Waters-Pierce Company, were supporting the Constitutionalists, and that both were working from purely selfish motives. It has even been alleged that the two contending forces in Mexico were financially supported by the two contending oil interests. The letters now published are said to have been stolen by somebody from Captain Hopkins's office and presumably to have been sold to the newspaper which presents them. They do not show that the Waters-Pierce Company contributed money to General Carranza, but they do show that strong efforts have been made to bring about through Carranza a reorganization of the railways in northern Mexico in a particular form desired by these oil interests. Incidentally, also, they throw some curious light on the relations between the Administration at Washington and the Constitutionalists.

In one letter to Mr. Pierce Captain Hopkins wrote: "Mr. Bryan also gave assurances that under existing circumstances there would be no movement from Vera Cruz in the direction of the interior. He also indicated that it was not the purpose of the American Government to seize Tampico or any other Mexican port unless forced to do so by circumstances."

Captain Hopkins, in his correspondence with Carranza, assumed to give him information about secret negotiations at Washington. We need not point out that it is not uncommon for men of the type of agent and intermediary to which Captain Hopkins belongs to represent their influence and knowledge as greater than it is. Within certain limits the representatives of American business in Mexico have a perfect right to take an interest in the relations between that country and their own. Whether in this case that limit has been exceeded is a question for investigation and careful judgment. It is quite probable that such investigation may be undertaken at the direction of Congress, and until the matter has been thoroughly sifted it will be unfair and unwise to attach too much importance to this published correspondence.

MESSRS. S. D. SETNA'S
REPORT.

The War Demoralises the Market.

Messrs. S. D. Setna and Co., in their fortnightly report, dated August 18, state:—

The departure of the ordinary regular mail steamer Delta, being cancelled, as she was taken up by the Admiralty, the steamer Oriental was designated to take her place, and she leaves here to-day, so that the period of interval is of a longer duration than a fortnight, and during the period under review we had no topic anywhere but of war. The war between England and Germany had a greatly demoralising effect on our market, and an entire suspension of business is noticeable everywhere. Sellers do not find buyers, as many of the Chinese, being panic-stricken, have repaired to their native villages. Exporters are rather shy in forwarding their old purchases, as the rates of war risk on marine policies are too heavy and the rate of freight has increased by 20 per cent. Banks are, it is reported, unwilling to accept documentary drafts.

Bongal Opium:—No sales reported in the market. Clearances:—5 chests of Patna New, 73 chests of Patna Old, 2 chests of Benares New, and 7 chests of Benares Old, in all about 87 chests. Un-sold stock is estimated at about 123 chests of Patna New, 704 chests of Patna Old, 200 chests of Benares New, and 170 chests of Benares Old. Sold but uncleared stock—20 chests of Patna New, 46 chests of Patna Old, 18 chests of Benares New, and 40 chests of Benares Old, in all about 122 chests. Closing reported quotations are as under:—Patna New \$9,325; Patna Old \$9,100; Benares New \$9,050; Benares Old \$8,825.

Malwa Opium:—Sales are reported of about 58 chests at \$8,325 to \$8,425 (per picul). Clearances of about 227 chests. Unsold stock is estimated at about 1,035 chests. Sold but uncleared stock is about 149 chests. Reported closing quotations are as under:—Malwa New and Old \$8,325 to \$8,425.

Cotton:—No business reported. Unsold stock about 3,062 bales. Closing reported quotations:—\$22 to 27 (per picul).

Bombay Yarn:—Market ruled extremely depressed, and sales are reported of about 100 Bales only. Unsold stock is about 60,000 bales. Sold but uncleared stock is estimated at about 35,000 bales.

Sundry Articles:—With the exception of sugar, rice flour, and saltpetre, for which prices show a good rise, market in other articles is greatly demoralised, and no business is reported in imports. In exports, too, no purchases are reported.

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China Coast Gazette.

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Mr F.L. Spon, second officer, Koonshing, has resigned.

Mr A. Lloyd, awaiting orders, has resigned.

Mr L.M. Thomas, second officer, Choyang, has resigned.

Mr J. Thomson, second engineer, Fausang, has gone second engineer, Taksang.

Mr J. Fitzpatrick, second engineer, Taksang, has gone acting chief engineer, same ship.

Mr G.V.B. Miller, acting chief engineer, Taksang, has been transferred to Hongkong.

Mr L. Dunstan has been appointed third engineer, Yusang.

Mr O.A. Elvines, third engineer, Yusang, is on leave.

Mr E. Berthel has been appointed third engineer, Anging.

Mr T.D. Sherrik, third engineer, Hsinming, has resigned.

Mr Bowdon has been appointed third engineer, Hsinming.

Mr Nielsen has been appointed second officer, Yusang.

Mr A. Campbell, acting second engineer, Liangchow, has gone acting second engineer, Yunnan.

Mr D. McRae, acting second engineer, Yunnan, has gone acting second engineer, Szechuan.

Mr R. B. Brown, awaiting orders, has gone second engineer, Liangchow.

Mr W. Paxton, awaiting orders, has gone supernumerary third engineer, Hsin Peking.

Mr J.B.S. Nucator, from leave, has gone supernumerary second engineer, Liangchow.—Shipping and Engineering.

Sceering At Sea.

The Imperial Merchant Service Guild of Liverpool is now taking a poll of its members on the question of an international code for steering at sea. A committee of the International Conference on Safety at Sea favoured the adoption of such a code of helm orders, and the foreign delegates thought that it should not be the British code.

Shipbuilding for Panama Canal Trade.

Washington July 9.—That the American merchant marine is preparing for the opening of the Panama Canal was indicated today in reports of the Department of Commerce showing that seven of the principal merchant ships built in the United States in the fiscal year ending June 30 were for the Isthmian trade. Each steamer averages more than 6,000 tons gross. During the year, 1,291 vessels were constructed. Of that number, 917 are steamers, 319 unrigged, and 65 sailing ships. They total 311,578 tons gross. In the year previous, 1,048 ships were built. The largest vessel constructed, the Matsushima, for the Hawaiian trade, was of 9,728 tons gross. It is the biggest ship built in the United States since 1905. The oil tanker John D. Archbold, of 8,374 tons gross constructed during the year, is the largest ship of its class ever launched from an American yard. More than half of the number of new ships, 677, were built for the Atlantic and Gulf trade, 324 for the Pacific, 144 for the Great Lakes, and 139 for Western rivers.

Saigon-Manilla Services.

It is announced that a new steamship service will be maintained regularly between Manila and Saigon and Haiphong direct hereafter. The service is established by a French company—La Compagnie de Commerce et Navigation d'Extrême Orient. The concern has purchased two ships for the trade and voyages will be made to Manila alternately from Haiphong and Saigon. The service promises to affect Hongkong trade with the Philippines. The chief exports from Indo-China to the Philippines are rice and cement, and it is probable that the direct service will enable the Haiphong cement interests to compete more successfully with the Hongkong cement concerns in the Philippine market. Shipments of rice direct from Saigon to Manila and Cebu also will affect Hongkong in that it is likely to result in cutting out Hongkong rice jobbers who now handle a very considerable portion of the rice exports of Saigon including a large portion transhipped at Hongkong for Manila.—New York Maritime Register.

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1914.

THE WAR.

Shanghai Versions of the Hostilities.

The following wires and reports are from the *N. C. Daily News*:

Brave Aviation Feat.

A brave feat has been performed at Liege by Garros, the well-known French aviator. With his aeroplane he rammed a German Zeppelin, bringing her to the ground, himself perishing in the act.

The American Asiatic Fleet.

Peking, Aug. 13. The American Legation has received information from the State Department at Washington that the United States is not sending reinforcements to the Asiatic Fleet. The State Department requests that the report that America is doing so be denied.

The Legation ridicules other reports which have been current of intended American activities in the Far East.

Probable Combined Attack on Tsingtau.

Peking, Aug. 13. Many wild rumours are being circulated regarding an impending attack upon Tsingtau. Reuter's Agency learns officially that China is pressing Japan and America to preserve the peace of the Far East.

It seems, however, that Japanese action is unavoidable. Japan has adopted a strong attitude concerning the situation at Tsingtau, which she considers is a menace to Far Eastern trade. Japan was prepared to reduce Tsingtau herself, but, owing to representations by Great Britain, probably a combined attack will be made.

The German report that Great Britain was urging Japan to attack Tsingtau is absolutely false.

The Atlantic Safe for Shipping.

London, Aug. 12. The War Press Bureau has issued a statement to the effect that the Atlantic is safe.

"As regards the safety of the North Sea," it says, "where the Germans have scattered mines indiscriminately and where the most formidable operations of naval warfare are proceeding, the Admiralty can give no guarantee."

Report of an Ambush near Liege.

London, Aug. 12. A telegram from Brussels states that, according to Namur newspaper reports, a German force has been ambushed near Liege by French and Belgian troops. The report alleges that 8,000 Germans were killed, 10,000 wounded and 17,000 made prisoners.

No official confirmation of this news has been received.

Austrian Cavalry Brigade Annihilated.

London, Aug. 12. A despatch from Rome reports that an Austrian cavalry brigade has been caught by Cossacks in marshy country at Rietgorai. The Austrians were unable to retire and were exterminated.

Prince George of Serbia Wounded.

London, Aug. 12. A telegram from Nish states that Prince George of Serbia, while watching the bombardment of Belgrade, was wounded by a shell which exploded six feet from him. He was struck on the head by a stone and rendered unconscious. He recovered soon, however, and his wound proved to be slight.

Servians and Montenegrins are preparing for a combined attack on Visegrad.

German South-West Africa.

Further news of the reported evacuation of Swakopmund and Luderitz Bucht, in German South-West Africa, will be awaited with great interest, inasmuch as these are Germany's only two ports on the Atlantic.

The protectorate of German South-West Africa includes the region lying between Portuguese West Africa and Cape Colony, and extends eastward to the British sphere, exclusive of Walvisch Bay, which belongs to Cape Colony. The area of the territory is 322,450 square miles and the native population 79,550, belonging to the Hottentot, Bushman, Bantu and the Damara races. The European population in 1913 totalled 14,816, including 12,202 Germans. Inclusive of police, the military force in the protectorate aggregates 2,922 men.

The seat of administration is at Windhoek. A new harbour has been constructed at Swakopmund, while there are two other small natural harbours beside that in Luderitz Bay.

A Gathering at Yokosuka.

A Yokosuka despatch to the *Jiji* states that the squadron attached to the port, consisting of the battleships *Kawachi* (flagship), *Katori*, and *Asahi*, the cruisers *Kurama*, *Hatsudate*, and *Sagami*, and a torpedo boat flotilla, under the command of Admiral Prince Fushimi, recalled all men from shore leave, and all joined their ships on Wednesday, August 5. The squadron was shipping coal, provisions, and munitions of war throughout the night and all Thursday.

The cruiser *Kurama* (Captain Hirata), and the cruiser *Tsukuba*, the flagship of the first division of the squadron, under the command of Rear-Admiral Takonuchi, left Yokosuka on August 8, in advance of the rest of the squadron. The first Squadron, consisting of the *Kongo* (flagship), *Settsu*, *Satsuma*, *Sawa*, and *Iwami*, under the command of Admiral Kato, which was ordered to suspend gun practice off Tateyama and recalled to Yokosuka on the 5th instant, was to leave Yokosuka on the 15th instant. A number of torpedo boats and destroyers are to leave a day or two later.

The destination of all these ships is not stated, says the *Japan Chronicle*, but this activity, though probably purely precautionary, is the subject of a good deal of more or less ingenious speculation.

Coal for the British Squadron.

Nagasaki, Aug. 6. Acting under instructions of the British Ambassador at Tokyo, the Consul here has bought 3,000 tons of coal. The stock of coal held here for the British squadron is always large, but the purchase referred to is in addition to the usual large reserve. — *Asahi*.

German Purchase of Petroleum.

Chefoo, Aug. 6. News has been received here stating that the authorities at Tsingtau have bought the whole stock of petroleum in the godowns of the Standard Oil Company. — *Asahi*.

Czar's Uncle Taken Prisoner.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 5. The Serbian troops have repulsed the Austrian invading force, and have marched into Bosnia. The main Austrian force is concentrating in Galicia, on the Austrian frontier, in readiness to resist the invading Russian troops.

Prince Constantine Constantino-vitch, the uncle of the Czar, has been captured by the German troops and is detained as a prisoner. — *Mainichi*.

German Ship Captured in Australia.

Sydney, Aug. 5. On Wednesday morning, says the Melbourne correspondent of the *Herald*, the battery opened fire on the N.D.L. steamer *Plals*, which attempted to leave the harbour. The German steamer got away, but was soon afterwards captured at sea by the Australian Squadron.

Tokyo Version of Alleged Naval Battle.

Tokyo, Aug. 6. A report has been received here that on the 5th instant there was an engagement in the North Sea between British and German ships, the former being rather badly damaged. It seems that the British squadron had divided, and before they could join each other again the German squadron which left Kiel the previous day came up at full speed and attacked the British ships, which were at a disadvantage owing to their force being divided. — *Mainichi*.

Washington, Aug. 24.

To-morrow the U. S. cruiser *Tennessee* will be sent to Europe with a \$3,000,000 on board. This money is to be used solely for the assistance of United States citizens who are in distress owing to the war. If the belligerent Powers agree, the American Government will send a vessel to the chief port of each country to take on board any American citizens who may wish to leave the country. President Wilson has asked Congress to vote the sum of \$2,500,000 for the relief of American citizens in distress. — *Mainichi*.

British Steamer Captured.

Newchwang, Aug. 5. One of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's boats, the *Woring* which left here for Tientsin on the 4th, was captured by a German man-of-war on the way. Another steamer belonging to the same firm, the *Lianchuan*, which arrived at Tsingtau the other day, is detained there by the German authorities.

Two of Butterfield & Swire's steamers have been detained at Tientsin, and two of Messrs. Jardine Matheson's ships are tied up in Weihaiwei. — *Mainichi*.

The *Telegraph* has made inquiries, as to the above, of the local branches of the two firms mentioned. Messrs. Butterfield and Swire state that the *Woring* is not one of their ships and that they know nothing about the matter. Messrs. Jardine Matheson also deny that they have received any information on the subject.

Shipping to & from Shanghai.

The U.S. gunboats *Quinos* and *Piscataqua* left Shanghai yesterday, says the *North China Daily News* of August 14. The Japanese gunboat *Toba* arrived here yesterday. The French gunboat *Ducloux* de Lagrange arrived here from the Yangtze River yesterday and after dismantling will remain here until the European crisis is over.

The O.M.S. *Anping*, which left Tsingtau on the night of the 11th instant, arrived here yesterday morning. She brought as passengers two foreign ladies and three children, as well as about 870 Chinese. When she left Tsingtau, there were only four German gunboats and two torpedo boats in harbour, and the Austrian cruiser *Kaiserin Elisabeth*. The voyage to Shanghai was without incident, and no man-of-war of any nationality was sighted.

The O.M.S. *Heinghi*, which left Weihaiwei for Shanghai at 7 a.m. yesterday, is bringing to Shanghai several foreigners who have been spending their holidays at the northern port.

Condition of Tsingtau.

Mr. Wm. Katz, the owner of the str. *Hanametel*, which was detained in Tsingtau by the German authorities, arrived at Shanghai on August 13. He states that conditions in Tsingtau until the time that he left were much the same as have been described in these columns. There are still several members of British honours remaining in the port, as well as a number of Japanese, but practically all the visitors have left. The captain and British officers of the str. *Hanametel* are not being compulsorily detained in Tsingtau, but are remaining there for the present. The steamer now carries German officers, owing to the fact that she will probably continue to carry passengers between here

and Tsingtau, and with the channels and entrances to the harbour mined, it would not be permissible to have a British crew. Tsingtau is well stocked with provisions. The cargo of the *Hanametel* was purchased by the Government authorities; and the Russian Volunteer Fleet steamer, which was captured by the German cruiser *Emden*, also had a large cargo of canned and other goods on board. In addition, the port was already well supplied and is daily receiving fresh stocks from the hinterland.

Further War Stories.

The captain of the s.s. *Nio Maru*, which arrived yesterday from Karatsu, reported that on Monday evening, when about 60 miles from Shanghai, near the Saddle, he was stopped by a large German man-of-war, says the *China Press* of August 12. On his nationality being discovered, he was allowed to proceed. The operation required nearly three-quarters of an hour, and the skipper was an angry person because he nearly missed the tide.

Word was also received in Shanghai yesterday that the Japanese are embarking 45,000 troops for service somewhere.

Advised to Remain in Port.

A cable was received yesterday (August 11) by the captain of a well-known European liner advising him to remain in port for the time being. This indicates that there is no more assurance in London that the sea out here is clear of German men-of-war than there is in Shanghai.

It is reported that news was yesterday received from Hongkong that shipping bound north had been advised to remain in port for the present.

Decidee's Crew for Duplex.

The alleged movements of the former crew of the French gunboat *Decidee* have lately been the subject of comment in the local press, and various contradictory reports have been circulated.

It appears, says the *China Press* of August 13, that the men, numbering over 80, did not proceed to Tientsin by the s.s. *Kwangping*, as reported, but left Shanghai yesterday morning by one of the largest of the local tenders. Their destination was the Saddle Islands, off which they will await the arrival of the cruiser *Duplex*. They were expected to be taken on board some time during last night, but sufficient provisions were taken on the tender to last the men 24 hours if necessary.

The departure of the second batch of French reserves has been several times postponed. They were yesterday notified that they were to leave at 5 o'clock, but were subsequently informed that their departure was postponed till next Monday, when arrangements have been made for them to travel by steamer. It is understood that the Chinese authorities have declined to allow the men to proceed over either of the railway lines running north. The men are expected to travel at their own expense, but the cost of transport will afterwards be refunded.

French Marines from Peking in Shanghai.

The Indo-China steamer *Laen Ho*, which arrived at Shanghai on August 12 from Hankow, brought down the Peking French Marine Embassy Guard, consisting of six petty officers and 26 men. No definite information is yet available as to how the authorities propose to dispose of these men.

British Steamer Captured.

Newchwang, August 6. The *Hope*, a steamer of the *Taku* s.s. Company, which left Newchwang on the 4th inst., was captured by a German warship on her way to Tientsin. Another steamer of the same company, after her arrival at Tsingtau, was detained. The British Consul here has forbidden the departure of any of the British steamers at Newchwang. Three

British steamers which departed to day have returned to port. — *Nichi-Nichi*.

Germans Menace Tonking.

Shanghai, August 7. — A German steamer (*Getlin*), whilst sailing to Tsingtau with a large cargo of coal, was discovered and captured by the British fleet belonging to Weihaiwei. The two German cruisers *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau*, which had made their appearance off Canton, suddenly changed their course and from the direction of Hainan Island proceeded to the Bay of Tonking, where they are now menacing French steamers. The French warships at Saigon left their base on the 6th inst. for a certain destination, whilst at almost the same time, the British warships at Hongkong also left that port for war operations. A naval battle is expected. — *Chuwa*.

Japanese may Attack Tsingtau.

Peking, Aug. 12. It is now clear that the policy of Japan has developed along lines making for participation in the war with the special object of attacking Tsingtau.

A Chinese report some days ago stated that Count Okuma, Japanese Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs, suggested to the Chinese Government that China should consent to Japan coming to the country to assist in the maintenance of order. It is now stated that the Chinese Minister in Tokyo reports that a conference has been held between Count Okuma, Sir William Conyngham, Greene, British Ambassador, and Mons. N. Malowsky-Malowitch, Russian Ambassador, which resulted in a definite arrangement being come to that Japan should represent both countries in their respective spheres of influence with liberty to act independently elsewhere.

Chinese Fears.

If this report is true it means that Japan may attack Tsingtau and the Chinese fear that it also means that she may become active in Fokien province, where she has long desired to obtain a footing. A Chinese Minister said this morning: "She has Manchuria, so why should she worry about that?"

The Chinese at present express their intention of refraining from resisting the advance of Japan, if she violates the neutrality of China, under protest in the hope that at the conclusion of the war the other Powers will see that she receives justice and does not lose territory.

It is regarded as certain that Japan will soon be actively engaged at Tsingtau, but high foreign authorities assert that it is untrue that Japan will be the guardian of the interests of Great Britain or Russia, or that she has the intentions of being offensive to China.

Anti-British Feeling at Tsingtau.

Chotsun, Aug. 10. The British subjects who were staying at Tsingtau have all been ordered away by the resident Vice-Consul who has been instructed to depart himself as soon as his nationals have gone. Even if no such order had been issued the strength of the anti-British feeling at present manifested in Tsingtau would have made it very unwise for Britons to remain there. In one case a party of Britons who were staying at a Tsingtau pension were completely ostracized by the German guests who were staying there. A few days ago an English lady entered one of the large stores to make some purchases, but before she could state her needs she was roughly ordered out of the shop by the German proprietor.

All Germans liable for service with the colours are being mobilized. These reservists, who are still in civilian clothes, are being drilled daily on the parade ground. All visitors of whatever nationality have been ordered away from the cottages at Itis Huk, which would be in the direct line of fire in the event of fighting.

taking place. The Strand Hotel has also been closed for the same reason.

Some nights ago an attack on Tsingtau was evidently expected for elaborate precautions were made. Not a single light of any description was allowed anywhere along the whole sea front, and as soon as it became dark the streets everywhere were entirely deserted and the whole town became like a city of the dead. But nothing happened, and, by morning, people began to breathe freely once more.

Unrest Among Chinese.

News of war has given rise to many wild rumours amongst the Chinese in the West of Shanghai where the people have become somewhat unsettled. The Deutsch-Asiatische banknotes which formerly brought a better price than any kind of silver dollars are no longer useable in ordinary commerce, although there is no difficulty experienced in getting them cashed at the D.A. Bank. — *N. C. Daily News* correspondent.

Although reports have been circulated that a German cruiser is lying near the mouth of the Yangtze River, it is significant that the C.N.S. *Luohow* left Shanghai for Hongkong on the 12th inst. the I.C.S.S. *Kingston* and *Chipsing* left for Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Tientsin in the afternoon, and the River boats and Ningpo steamers are running as usual.

German Children Sent Away.

All the children from the Convent school at Tsingtau have arrived in Shanghai during the past few days. The school has been converted into a hospital.

The German Point of View.

Peking, Aug. 12. It is reported from Tokyo that Germany has the moral support of the United States of America in the European war. — *Out Lloyd*. Tsingtau, August 12.

It having become known here that rumours have been spread amongst the British residents of Tientsin that three Japanese have been arrested in Tsingtau on charges of espionage, Mr. Munemura, Chancellor of the Japanese Consulate at Tsingtau, has telegraphed to the Japanese Consulate in Tientsin as follows:—"The rumours spread amongst English residents of Tientsin about the arrest and execution of Japanese under the charge of espionage are absolutely baseless. All Japanese in Tsingtau are quiet and safe. (Signed).

Duc de Montpensier's Yacht.

The Duc de Montpensier, who is ill at Yokohama, has sent a letter to the French and British Ambassadors at Tokyo offering them the services of his yacht, the *Mekong*, which is fitted with powerful wireless apparatus. Rumania and the Triple Alliance. London, Aug. 12.

A telegram which has reached London by an indirect route from Cologne states that the *Koelnische Zeitung* announces that Rumania has decided to join the Triple Alliance. It is anticipated that Serbia may be invaded at any moment. — *Central News*.

The "China" Cup at Bisle.

At Bisle, in the "Corporation of London" (S.R. 10 shots at 1,000 yards) competition, the winner's score was 48, and the second and third scores 47, while Sgt. F. D. Evans (Malay-Vol. R.) was amongst the seven who made 46. The China Cup, presented in 1884 by the Volunteers in China, and now put up for terms of 10 Territorials from counties, was won by a team representing the county of London. The conditions were a "straight shoot" of 10 rounds a man at 800 yards, highest possible score 500. The winners scored 455, Glasgow 447, and Lancashire 444.

THE RIGHTS OF NEUTRALS.

How China May Still Trade.

For her export and import trade, says the *N. C. Daily News*, China is mainly dependent on foreign tonnage, at least one half of which is stated, on good authority, to be entered and cleared at Shanghai. A war therefore which involves the foreign countries whose vessels are principally concerned in this trade is for Shanghai a matter of very serious concern.

By far the greater number of foreign steamers that visit this port fly either the British or the Japanese flag. England is now at war with Germany and her merchant vessels are liable to be captured by the enemy. Japan at the present moment is perhaps neutral, but in view of her published declarations it is uncertain how long she will remain so. Under these circumstances, if China's foreign trade is to continue at all, recourse must be had to the vessels of the United States or of one of the European nations which has declared its neutrality.

From a shipping point of view Norway is probably the most important of the neutral countries, and it will be remembered that at the time of the Russo-Japanese War very many Norwegian steamers were plying in these waters. There seems to be no reason why they should not make their appearance again. United States shipping may be said to consist almost entirely of "liners" of which, however, there is a considerable number. It would seem that China must rely at present chiefly on the United States and Norway for the continuance of her export and import trade.

Theory and Practice.

Theoretically a war involves no interference with neutral trade except such as is necessarily implied by the international recognition of the right of belligerents to search and blockade. As a general rule the neutral flag protects the ship, but this protection may be lost either wholly or in part in a variety of ways. Of these, the carriage of contraband is the most important, for a neutral ship carrying contraband goods destined for a belligerent port is as much liable to capture and confiscation as if she were an enemy's ship. Just what the word "contraband" covers is by no means certain, but roughly the term includes:—

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- (3) Military despatches.
- (4) All members of the military and naval forces of the belligerent state and such of its civilian public servants as are closely connected with the continuance of war-like operations.

Neutral ships are also liable to be captured in case of their resisting search or attempting to break through a blockade; and neutral waters do not protect a ship which is liable to be captured on one of the above grounds except so far as the neutral Power may assert its neutrality by force.

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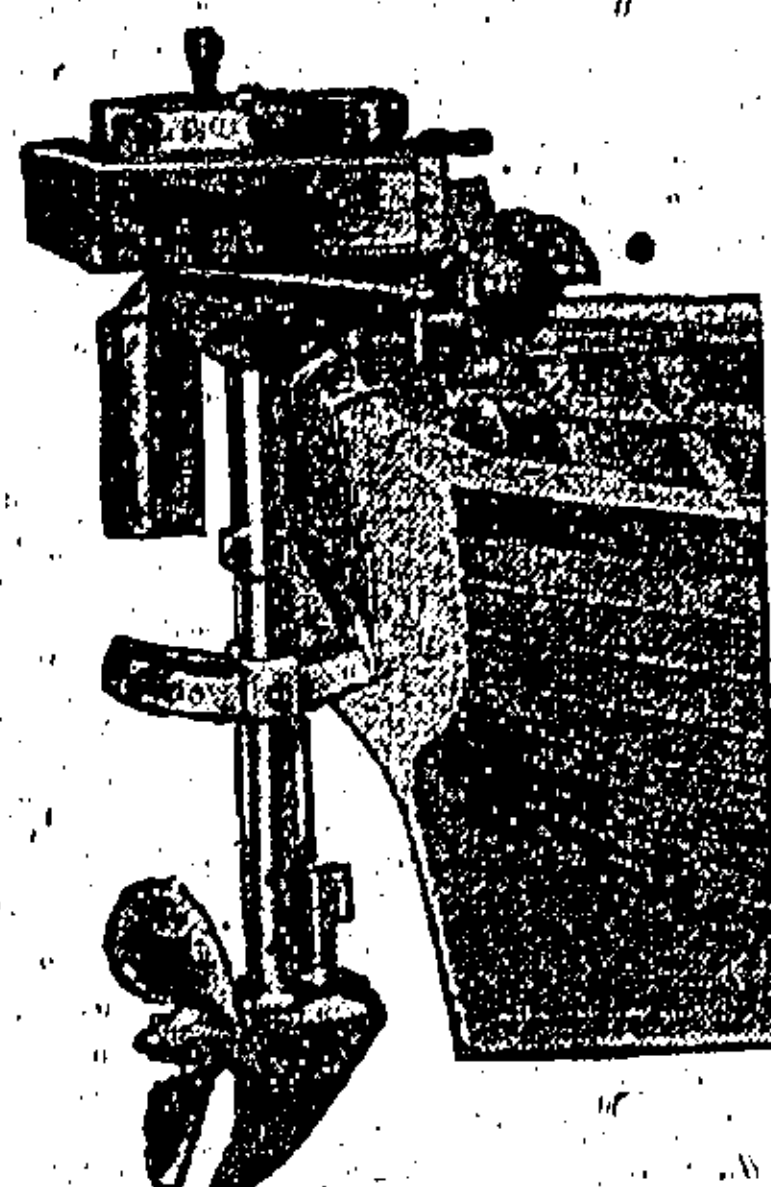
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DIPLOMATS OF THE NAVY.

U.S. War Secretary Addresses
Officers at Naval War College.

How the nation's foreign policy
often hangs upon the action and
discretion of a naval officer com-
manding a warship in a far-away
port was discussed by Secretary
Daniels at the opening of the U.S.
Naval War College session last
month. He pictured the duties of
the naval officer in the role of di-
plomat, recalled incidents in which
commanders of American warships
in foreign ports had opened new
chapters in American history, and
urged officers at the College and
marine officers to train themselves
in international law and the
languages in preparation for such
emergencies.

"The navy, in the technical
diplomatic sense," said the
Secretary, "must leave to the
Department of State the settle-
ment of international policies, and
properly so. But, in the practical
operations of policies affecting
other nations, the action of
the youngest naval officer com-
manding the smallest vessel in a
foreign port might determine the
action of our Government, inde-
pendent of the policies which the
trained diplomats might have
planned. In many quiet ports, the
first American seen is an officer
of the navy. In surveying, in
exploration, in protection of
Americans, he is often called to
places where no Consul or other
Government official has gone. To
these people he incarnates the
American Government. He is
Uncle Sam. His deportment, his
spirit, his ideals as seen in his
dealings, make the first and, often,
only impressions those people
have of our country and its attitude

toward them. If he be uninformed
as to the requirements of interna-
tional law, what consequences of
evil may flow from his ignorance.
If he lack tact and a sense of cour-
tesy, how he may block the path
of his country to serve the people
to whom he is sent and prevent
opening of doors through which
his countrymen might enter to
promote commerce and forge ties
of friendliness and amity."

Mr. Bryan's Confidence
in Officers.

There had been no Secretary
of State, Mr. Daniels said, who
had availed himself more of the
services of the naval officer as a
diplomat, "who has shown
greater confidence in his ability,
his judgment, and his absolute
trustworthiness" than had Se-
cretary Bryan.

He recalled the demand made
for a salute of the flag by Ad-
miral Mayo at Tampico, as an
example of how the action of a
naval officer in a foreign country
precipitated "an issue not con-
templated in diplomatic chan-
nels, and irrevocably committed
his Government to a policy of
action in support of his
demand." Perry's achievement in
the opening of Japan to com-
merce, Dewey's brilliant victory
and his administration in Phil-
ippine waters, and, finally, Rear-
Admiral Fletcher's occupation of
Vera Cruz, were pointed to by
the Secretary as conspicuous
instances of the double service
required of the American naval
officer abroad.

Ambassador Jusserand, of
France, and James Bryce, ex-
British Ambassador to the United
States, were praised by the
speaker as "modern diplomats,"
who, he said, had "replaced in-
directness and evasion with
directness and sincerity."
"By education, by training,
and by character," Mr. Daniels
continued, "the naval officer is
not fitted for a diplomacy calling
for dissembling, for saying 'yes'
and meaning 'perhaps,' or for
double-dealing. If he is to serve
his country abroad for its 'good'
it must be a service that is
marked by frankness and sincer-
ity, and it is that sort of service
which made the diplomacy of
Perry and Dewey as honorable
and useful as their eminence as
sailors, and which has given them
a permanent place in the affections
of their countrymen. Certainly
we may regard Perry as the
greatest diplomat which the
American navy has ever furnish-
ed, although most of its re-
presentatives have never failed to
exhibit the high gifts of diplom-
acy when called upon to face the
situation which required the
exercise of the art."

Japan and Mexican Crisis.
"There is very recent proof
that Perry was a true prophet
when he foresaw friendship
between the United States and
Japan. In the present Mexican
trouble the Japanese have been
scrupulous to prevent the ship-
ment of arms by Japanese manu-
facturers."

If all American diplomacy in
the Spanish-American War had
been modelled after that of
Perry's, the Secretary declared,

"the United States might not
have yielded to the temptation of
Imperialism. If our Government
had followed closely the dip-
lomatic pact set by another great
commodore of the United States
navy, who himself followed the
diplomacy of Perry and earned
his every action with the basic
doctrines of our republic, we
would not have strayed so far
afield. We would at least have
been consistent in our diplomacy;
we would not have laid down one
rule for Cuba and another for the
Philippines."

Recalling various incidents in
which American officers had a
part in the writing of interna-
tional history, Secretary Daniels
spoke of the summary action taken
by Rear-Admiral Bonham ten
years ago during revolutionary
disturbances at Rio de Janeiro
when landing of cargoes from
the United States was long de-
layed. He demanded that the
cargoes be unloaded, and punc-
uated the demand with a six-
pound shell. The Admiral gained
his point.

Officers Who Avert Conflicts.
Secretary Daniels said he would
like to draw a picture of the
naval officer "as the man before
the gun, not the captain on the
bridge, giving signals to fire,
but the captain who before the
anchor has touched the harbour's
bottom has stepped into his
launch and gone ashore to avert
by his sound good sense, by his
tact, by his judgment, by his
courtesy and diplomatic manner,
by his thorough knowledge of
international law and custom,
the necessity for using
guns at all, and to whom
the country is eternally indebted
for the peaceful ending of the
crisis which rendered his presence
necessary in the first place."

"When you stop to think of
it," said the Secretary, "no
representative of our Government,
official or unofficial, can command
such respect or can impress an-
other country so deeply with the
power of his Government as the
captain of a warship lying in the
harbour with its decks cleared,
perhaps, for action, and its omi-
nous twelve-inch guns trained on
the town. Believe me, gentle-
men, that man is going to be
seriously listened to by every
official within range of the ship's
armament."

Mr. Roosevelt to be Sued.
Mr. William Barnes, Chairman
of the New York State Republican
Committee, is bringing an action
for alleged libel against Mr.
Roosevelt, from whom he is
claiming \$10,000 damages. Mr.
Barnes' action is the outcome of a
political speech made by Mr.
Roosevelt in which Mr. Barnes
and Mr. Murphy were trenchantly
criticized as the "Invisible
Government of the State."

Haytian Rebels Victorious.
Washington, July 28.—Haytian
rebels were victorious yesterday in a
battle on the road from Cape
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Commercial.

Japanese Banking at a Standstill.

Tokyo, August 18.—According to statements made by Tokyo bankers yesterday, the exchange business of the world is at a temporary standstill, all the exchange bankers preferring, during the present state of uncertainty as to exchange fluctuations, to do no business whatever. It has become increasingly difficult within the past few days to make remittances to Europe and yesterday banks were declining any large transactions of that sort. There was a similar hesitancy about issuing drafts on China, several of the large banks declining to issue drafts on China. As one banker explained: "There has been no silver market for several days and it would be foolish to sell drafts on China." In the meantime there seems to be no reason why tourists in Japan with letters of credit should be embarrassed by lack of funds, as the bankers say they are taking care of all transactions of this sort which do not involve large amounts. There were reports yesterday of extraordinarily high rates of exchange being charged on letters of credit, but these reports were not confirmed by inquiries at the banks. As regards the effect of the European war on Japan's business and finance, there appeared to be considerable doubt. "The situation is so much more complicated than anyone has ever dreamed of," said a Tokyo banker yesterday, "that no one appears to have any definite idea of what the effect on Japan will be." However, there is a certain amount of optimism among Japanese business men, which is not shared by those doing an export and import business. It is pointed out that by far the greater part of Japan's exports go to the United States and to China, so that the war in Europe can have but an indirect effect on exports. That Japanese shipping will benefit is indicated, alike by popular opinion and the quotations on shares in the Tokyo market. In the general slump of Japanese shares shipplings suffered on Monday but all that was lost then was regained yesterday. The slump in industrials was generally attributed to a temporary panic and it was not believed that the depression would become very serious. Mr. Kunizo Koike, the prominent stock broker said the local panic was a fight in the dark and he believes that the market will resume its normal state so soon as the people learn the true state of affairs. According to a message received in Tokyo the English sovereign is quoted in New York at rates ranging from \$3.20 to \$3.75. It was explained that this was purely a nominal rate and its quotation indicated the desire of the New York banks to do no exchange business rather than that transactions were actually taking place at that rate. According to a despatch from Changchun, the Russian rouble has, within the past few days, fallen in value from yen 1.025 to .955. The Changchun despatch concludes that cases of bankruptcy are reported. The silk trade has been seriously affected. A drop of 50 yen per picul was recorded on Saturday and the silk exchange was closed indefinitely also on Saturday. Exporters of silk have been unfortunately caught in the sudden rise of exchange; silk exported from Japan to New York is purchased on letters of credit on London. The exporters are reckoned on the normal rate of exchange of dollars into sterling which averages 4.86 to 4.88 and were forced to pay 5.25 in many cases.

PUBLIC COMPANIES

S.S. "TINCAN" (Wrecked) SHIPPERS and Underwriters interested in the cargo of this steamer are requested to communicate with the Underwriter within three months from date.

GILMAN & Co.
Lloyd's Agents

NOTICE

TO PARENTS.
ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE,
MACAO.
BOARD, Lodging & Education at most moderate terms. Portuguese, Chinese, French, etc. Complete commercial course in English. Opens 1st. September. Apply RECTOR.

NOTICE

ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE LIVERPOOL & LONDON & GLOBE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Assets £13,833,482: 12: 4d.

THE Management of the Company's Representation in Hongkong has from to-day been taken over by me and the interests of the Company will thus be entirely under British control.

H. S. PLAYFAIR.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1914.

PUBLIC COMPANIES

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE OF ORDINARY AND EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 22nd day of August, 1914, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1914, and for the confirmation of the election of Directors. THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 10th August, to SATURDAY, the 22nd August, 1914, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

AND NOTICE is hereby also given that at the same place and on the same day at Noon or so soon afterwards as the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting shall be concluded, an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held when the subjoined Resolutions will be proposed as Extraordinary Resolutions:—

(1) That the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Company to take the steps necessary to apply for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong supplemental to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Ordinance 1866, and the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof to effect the amendment of Section 20 of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Ordinance 1866, hereafter set out with such modifications (if any) as they may think fit and to accept such Ordinance if and when enacted.

The following is the amendment above referred to: The deletion from Section 20 of the said Ordinance of the words "To take and accept any lands, houses, or other real or personal property in satisfaction, liquidation, or payment of any debt absolutely and bona fide previously due and owing to the Company, and also to take any Mortgage or other lien or charge on real or personal property as a security for any monies actually and bona fide previously due to the Company or for which any person may have rendered himself liable to the Company, and to hold such lands, houses and other real and personal property respectively for such reasonable time as may be necessary for selling and disposing of and converting the same into money," and the substitution thereof of the following words:—"To take, accept, enforce, release, realise, or deal with any security now held or which may hereafter be held by the Company, for any monies owing to or to become owing to the Company, or for any liabilities incurred or to be incurred towards or by the Company by way of mortgage, pledge, hypothecation, deposit or otherwise howsoever of every kind of property or rights."

(2) That the Deed of Settlement of the Company be altered in manner following:—

(a) That the following words be struck out of lines two and three of Article 56 namely, the words "for not

exceeding fifteen days before and seven days after every ordinary Meeting" and that the following words be adopted and substituted therefor; namely: "during such time as the Court thinks fit, not exceeding in the whole thirty days in each year."

(b) That the following words be struck out of the last line of Article 58, namely, "after the Meeting" and that the following words be adopted and substituted therefor, namely, "after the re-opening of the Register."

(c) That Articles 76, 77 and 78 be cancelled.

(d) That the following Articles be adopted and substituted for Articles 76, 77 and 78, namely:—

ARTICLE 76.—"General Meetings shall be held once in every year, at such time and place in the Colony as may be prescribed by the Company in General Meeting and if no such time or place is prescribed, then at such time and place as may be determined by the Court, and unless and until otherwise prescribed or determined as aforesaid a General Meeting shall be held in the month of February in every year."

ARTICLE 77.—"The General Meetings mentioned in the last preceding Article shall be called Ordinary Meetings."

ARTICLE 78.—"All other General Meetings shall be called Extraordinary Meetings."

(e) That Article 90 altered by inserting and adopting after the words "holding" in line first, thereof the words "or representing by proxy" and by striking out at the end of the said Article the words "present in person."

(f) That the following words be added to Article 94.—"The Court may from time to time pay to the Shareholders such interim dividends as appear to be justified by the position of the Company."

(g) That the following words be struck out of the first three and a half lines of Article 174, namely, the words "Half-year ending the 30th June and the 31st December shall make a general Half-Yearly" and that the following words be adopted and substituted therefor:—"Year ending the 31st day of December shall make a General."

(h) That the word "Half" be struck out of the 18th line of Article 174 and also out of the 6th line of Article 177.

(i) That the word "twice" and the words "the 30th day of June and 4 be struck out of lines 4 and 5 of Article 176 and that the word "once" be adopted and substituted for the word "twice" in the fourth line thereof.

(j) That the words "or the Ordinary Half-Yearly" and the words "as the case may be" be struck out of lines 10 and 11 of Article 177.

Should the Second Resolution be passed by the required majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

By Order of the Court of Directors.
A. G. STEPHEN,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong 21st July, 1913.

BANKS

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION

Head Office—40, Wall Street, New York.
London Office—10, Bishopsgate, E.C.

BRANCHES:—

Bombay
Calcutta
Canton
Colon
Hankow
Hongkong
Kobe
Manila
Medan
Peking
San Francisco
Shanghai
Yokohama

Capital and Surplus—\$10,000,000

EVERY DESCRIPTION OF BANKING BUSINESS

NEUTRAL ACCOUNTS opened on the assets

DEPOSITS RECEIVED, and for one year at 4% per annum, or for shorter periods, at rates which may be ascertained on application.

LETTERS OF CREDIT AND DRAFTS issued on all the principal cities in the world.

THE BANKS CIRCULAR LETTERS OF CREDIT are available all over the world.

COMMERCIAL LETTERS OF CREDIT issued on all the principal cities in the world.

PURCHASE and SALE of Stocks and Shares effected.

TRAVELLERS CHECKS sold and cashed.

GEORGE HOOGE
Manager.
Queen's Road, Hongkong
Hongkong, 1st Nov. 1912

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.

Established 1880.

Authorised Capital Yen 48,000,000

Paid-up Capital " 30,000,000

Reserve Fund " 18,000,000

Head Office.—YOKOHAMA.

Branches:—Antung-Hsien, Canton, Shanghai, Hankow, Peking, Tientsin, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, Manila, Hongkong, London, San Francisco, New York, San Pedro de Macoris, Santo Domingo, Santiago de los Caballeros, Santiago de Chile, Valparaiso.

Agencies at:—Nagasaki, New York, Peking, Rangoon, Seoul, Shanghai, Singapore, Tientsin, Yokohama.

Interest Allowed on Current Accounts.

Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be stated on application.

EISHIONO, Manager.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1913. [18]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.

HEAD OFFICE.—LONDON.

Paid-up Capital £1,200,000

Reserve Fund £1,800,000

Proprietors £1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

WM. DICKSON, Manager.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1912. [2]

NOTICES

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

(Capital Paid up...\$1,250,000.)

Loans on Mortgage of House Property, &c.

Advances made on Merchandise.

Loans made on the Provident System.

(Rates and Particulars on application.)

The Office of TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF WILLS, ATTORNEY, &c., Undertaken and Executed.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co. General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1908.

PEAK TRAMWAY CO LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 A.M. to 8.00 A.M. Every 15 Min.

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BANKS

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital \$15,000,000

RESERVE FUNDS: Sterling £1,500,000 at 2/-

\$15,000,000

Silver \$17,650,000

\$32,650,000

Reserve Liability: Proprietors \$15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS: Hon. Mr. D. Landale—Chairman.

Hon. Mr. J. L. Fattenden—Deputy Chairman.

S. H. Dodwell, Esq. G. T. M. Edkins, Esq. O. S. Gubbay, Esq. P. H. Holyoak, Esq. J. A. Plummer, Esq. Hon. Mr. E. Shollin.

CHIEF MANAGER: Hongkong—N. J. Stabb

ACTING MANAGER: Shanghai—J. D. Smart.

London Bankers—London County and Westminster Limited.

Hongkong—Interest Allowed: On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS: For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per annum.

For 6 months, 3½ per cent. per annum.

For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

A. G. STEPHEN, Acting Chief Manager.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at 3½ per cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,

A. G. STEPHEN, Acting Chief Manager.

DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.

Capital Fully Paid-up...Sh. Tael 7,500,000

Head Office.—Shanghai.

Board of Directors.—Berlin.

Branches:—Canton, Hankow, Kobe, Peking, Singapore, Tientsin, Tsingtau, Yokohama.

LONDON BANKERS: Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Sons.

The Union of London and Smith's Bank, Limited.

Deutsche Bank (Berlin), London Agency.

Direction der Disconto Gesellschaft.

Dresdner Bank.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account. DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

MAX GUTSCHKE, Manager.

Hongkong, 9th Oct. 1911.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,500,000

Subscribed " 1,125,000

Paid Up " 562,500

Reserve Fund " 465,000

BANKERS: Bank of England.

London Joint Stock Bank, Limited.

Every description of Exchange business transacted.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

A. R. LINTON, Manager.

THE ALEXANDRA CAFE

Cannot be beaten. If Equalled.

For Bread, Cakes, Confectionery and meals with Wines & Liquor.

EXCHANGE.

Selling	T/T Marks
T/T 1/10 1/4	Demand Germany... Nom.
Demand 1/10 5/16	D/D France..... Nom.
30 d/s 1/10 3/8	On Haiphong..... Nom.
60 d/s 1/10 7/16	On Saigon..... 83
4 m/s 1/10 1/2	On Bangkok..... 83
D/D Shanghai 75	Buying.
Private 30 d/s sight	4 m/s. L/C 1/11 1/4
D/D Singapore 79 1/2	4 m/s. D/E 1/11 3/8
D/D Japan 90 1/4	6 m/s. L/C 1/11 5/8
T/T India 139	30 d/s. S'ney & M. 1/11 1/2
Demand India 139	30 d/s. San F'co & N.Y.
T/T Bombay 139	4 m/s. Marks 1/11 1/2
Demand Bombay 139	4 m/s. Marks 1/11 1/2
T/T Calcutta 139	4 m/s. Marks 1/11 1/2
Demand Calcutta 139	4 m/s. Marks 1/11 1/2
Demand Manila 91	4 m/s. Marks 1/11 1/2
T/T San F'co & N.Y. 45 1/4	Gold Leaf per tael... \$57.40
Demand, New York 45 1/4	Sovereign 10.40 Nom.
D/D Java 111 1/4	Bar Silver ready forward

Bank of England rate

Opium Quotations.

July 17

Malwa, New \$8.300 per p.

Malwa, Old \$8.300

Patna, New \$9.355 per che

Patna, Old \$9.100

Benares, New \$9.050

Benares, Old \$8.625

TO-DAY'S SHARE REPORT.

STOCKS & PAID-UP VALUE. BANKS. CLOSING QUOTE. LAST DIVIDEND AND DATE.

Hongkong & S'hai \$125 \$852 1/2 Nominal \$2 & 5/- b. after 1/11 9/16

equal to \$23.29 for 34 year ending 31/12/13

MARINE INSURANCES.

Cantons \$50 317 1/2 Final of \$3 a/c 1912, Interim of \$18 a/c 1913

North China \$5 T142 Final of 10 p.c. making 30 p.c. for 1912

Unions \$100 \$795

THE FAR EAST IN
PARLIAMENT.

House of Commons.

Oil Concession in China.

(July 21.) Sir J. D. Rees inquired whether the Standard Oil Company, under its agreement with the Chinese Government, had a monopoly extending over all China for a year, or whether it could operate only in the province of Shansi.

Sir E. Grey: By the terms of the agreement, the Standard Oil Company have acquired certain rights in the provinces of Shensi and Chihli. The agreement contains no reference to the province of Shansi. It confers no monopoly over the whole of China, but it does contain a provision by which the Chinese Government is precluded from giving before February next any concession to other foreigners for petroleum-bearing properties in China. This, of course, does not affect any prior concessions which may have been granted by the Chinese Government.

Armament Firms and Contracts. Japanese Naval Affairs. (22nd.) Mr. King asked the First Lord of the Admiralty whether he was aware of the allegations established in the recent armament trial in Tokyo, showing that bribery to secure contracts was resorted to by agents of the armament firms; whether inquiry would be made into the position of the Vickers Company in this matter; and whether, if bribery was found to have been practised, the firm in question would be struck off the Admiralty list of naval contractors.

Mr. Churchill said he had no knowledge of the accuracy or otherwise of the statements in question, and he did not propose to make the inquiry suggested, as he had no reason to assume that British naval interests were in any way affected.

Mr. King: Is the right hon. gentleman aware that Messrs. Lipton have been struck off the contract list of the War Office for action quite similar if not identical to that which has been brought home to certain armament firms in Japan?

Mr. Churchill: I do not know of any fact which justifies a statement of that kind. That is a very serious statement for the hon. member to make in regard to a firm which certainly plays a necessary part in the supply of British armaments.

Mr. King: Does the right hon. gentleman realise that my accusation is not against the members of the firm, but against their agents in Japan—not against the directors, but against their servants?

Mr. Churchill: I have no information to enable me to pronounce in a matter of the kind. I do not quite understand why I should be called upon to pronounce upon what took place in Japan.

Mr. J. F. Hope: If it can be proved that these agents have exceeded their instructions, would there be the smallest reason for proceeding against the firm?

Mr. Churchill: I have no ground for striking the firm of Messrs. Vickers off the list. Such a thing would be disastrous to the Navy.

(23rd.) Mr. King asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether he was aware that at the recent trial of Messrs. Pooley and others in Japan serious charges were made against the agents of the Vickers firm, who were found guilty of bribery, and whether inquiry would be made in Japan through the British representatives there as to the facts of the case.

Sir E. Grey: So far as I am aware, no agents of Messrs. Vickers have been prosecuted or tried, and I have no means of investigating charges against persons in Japan.

Mr. King: Will the right hon. gentleman ask for a full report of this trial, so that he may form his own opinion on the evidence?

Sir E. Grey: A full report would only be of interest as regards the people actually tried. I understand no agents of Vickers have been tried or prosecuted.

China and the Proposed Loan. (22nd.) Sir J. D. Rees asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether any arrangements had been completed between the Chinese Government and the five-power group regarding the proposed loan.

Mr. Acland, who replied, said the answer was in the negative.

Krupp Contract in China. (23rd.) Mr. King asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether he had received information that an arsenal was to be constructed for the Chinese Government near Peking, that the work was to be carried out by the firm of Krupp, and that materials were to be entirely of German manufacture; and, if so, whether he could state whether a special loan had been obtained by China for this purpose.

Sir E. Grey: I have not received this information.

The Lipton Meeting. The annual meeting of Lipton (Limited) was marked by repeated reference to the recent canteen case and by strong criticism of the directors. At times the proceedings were of a very noisy character. Sir Thomas Lipton, who presided, said nobody could attempt to justify the acts which brought about the unfortunate proceedings. The loss of the canteen business need not cause any anxiety in respect of profits. Sir Thomas added that the directors were considering the reorganization of the board of management, and intimated that several new directors were likely to be appointed shortly.

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POST OFFICE.

The Oriental, with the Mails from London (via Siberia), of Tuesday the 28th ult., is due to arrive to-day.

A mail for the United Kingdom and the continent of Europe will be despatched by the P. & O. s.s. Oriental to-day.

The Oriental should connect with the Egypt at Colombo. Should she fail to connect with the s.s. Egypt she will proceed to Bombay and connect with the P. & O. s.s. Arabia. The s.s. Egypt allowing for two days delay to await the arrival of the s.s. Oriental is due in London on Sept. 23rd. The Arabia is due on Sept. 26th.

Only superscribed correspondence for Europe will be forwarded per s.s. Panama Maru.

MAILS CLOSE TO-MORROW.

Hoihow, Halphong & Pakhoi—Per HONGKONG, 20th Aug. 9 a.m.

Swatow and Bangkok—Per CHILDA, 20th inst., 11 a.m.

Japan via Yokohama—Per NAMSANG, 20th Aug. noon.

Shanghai & N. China—Per LUCHOW, 20th Aug., 2 p.m.

Shanghai & North China—Per DEN OF AIRLIE, 20th Aug., 3 p.m.

Shanghai & N. China—Per WOSANG, 20th Aug., 4 p.m.

Chefoo, Newchwang & Dairen—Per EIGER, 20th inst., 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, 21st Aug.

Swatow—Per HAICHING, 21st inst., 9 a.m.

SATURDAY, 22nd Aug.

Philippine Is.—Per YUESANG, 22nd inst., noon.

Shanghai & N. China—Per CHENAN, 22nd Aug., 4 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAITAN, 22nd Aug., noon.

SUNDAY, 23rd Aug.

Swatow—Per HAIMUN, Aug. 23rd 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy, Formosa via Tamsui—Per DALIN M., Aug. 23rd 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 24th Aug.

Wei-hai-wei, Chefoo & Tientsin—Per KUEICHOW, 24th Aug., 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 25th Aug.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAICHING, 25th Aug., 9 a.m.

Amoy, Canton, Japan via Keelung, Japan via Moji, Victoria B. C. and Seattle—Per SADO MARU, 25th Aug., 21 m.

Philippine Is.—Per TAMING, 25th Aug., 3 p.m.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per TANGO M., 25th Aug., 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 26th Aug.

Hoihow, Pakhoi & Halphong—Per SUNGLANG, 26th inst., 9 a.m.

Straits & Colombo—Per KATORI M., 26th inst., 9 a.m.

FRIDAY, 28th Aug.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAITAN, 28th Aug., 9 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 16th Sept.

Philippine Is., Australia, Tasmania & New Zealand via Port Darwin—Per TAIYUAN, 16th Sept., 11 a.m.

Women Horsewhip an Editor.

Paris, July 10.—Telegrams from Stuttgart to the "Temps" say that the offices of the "Swaebische Zeitung" have been the scene of violent happenings. The paper recently stated that during a Socialist meeting a number of women wept hysterically when one of the speakers dealt with the ill-treatment of soldiers in the German Army. Two of the women referred to yesterday called at the offices and asked to see the responsible editor. On being introduced into his presence they attacked him violently with a horsewhip.

—Central News.

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Taiwan Maru, 1,165, M. Sawada, 18th inst.—Hongkong, 16th inst. Coal O. S. K.

Erivkon, Norw. s.s. 1,344, Nielson, 18th inst.—Bangkok, 14th inst. Rice M. B. K.

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August 18.

Tsurugisan Maru for Nagasaki, Manchuria for San Francisco via K'ung Nordnaes for Fremantle, Hanoi for Hoihow & Halphong, Chongwa for K. O. Wan, Hailan for Swatow, Chuyen for Canton, Drummer for Canton, Selun for Bangkok, Hailan for Foochow via Amoy, Langchow for Shanghai.

CLEARANCES AT THE
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Sosho Maru for Anping via Swatow, Indragiri for New York via Cebu, Karouga for Kobe.

August 19.

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